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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [There was no reportable action taken in closed session.]

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE DECEMBER 9, 2014 MEETING WILL
6 BEGIN. IF THE AUDIENCE WOULD PLEASE, WE'RE GOING TO BE FIRST
7 LED IN PRAYER BY PASTOR MATT KEADLE OF ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN
8 CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL
9 DISTRICT AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY RUBEN
10 TREVISO PAST NATIONAL DIRECTOR AMERICAN G.I. FORUM FROM THE
11 FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. AND AFTER THE PLEDGE, SUPERVISOR
12 DON KNABE WILL GIVE A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE BEING BURIED
13 TODAY IN THE ANONYMOUS CEMETARY. SO IF THE AUDIENCE WOULD
14 PLEASE RISE? AND PASTOR?

15

16 **REV. MATT KEADLE:** LET US PRAY. HOLY ONE OF ALL, AS THE DAYS
17 DRAW SHORT AND THE NIGHTS LENGTHEN, WE SENSE EVER MORE DEEPLY
18 THE STRUGGLE FOR GOODNESS IN OUR WORLD. WE HEAR EVER MORE
19 CLEARLY THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO CRY OUT, VOICES THAT CRY OUT
20 IN GRIEF, VOICES THAT CRY OUT IN ANGER, VOICES THAT CRY OUT IN
21 FEAR. AS ANOTHER YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE AND A NEW YEAR
22 APPROACHES, MAY THIS BE FOR US A TIME OF RENEWAL AND REBIRTH,
23 A TIME TO LISTEN AND TO TELL THE TRUTH, A TIME TO RENEW OUR
24 COMMITMENT FOR COMMON GOOD. A TIME TO FORGE NEW PATHWAYS, TO
25 LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. AND MAY THE WORK DONE THIS DAY,

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1 THIS MEETING, BE A PART OF IT. AS ALL OF US HERE DO THE WORK
2 THAT'S BEEN ENTRUSTED TO US, KEEP OUR HEARTS AND MINDS CLOSE
3 TO THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US: THE WIDOW, THE
4 ORPHAN, THE STRANGER. GRANT US VISION AND VOICE, COURAGE AND
5 WISDOM, DISCERNMENT, DEDICATION THAT SOON AND VERY SOON VOICES
6 MIGHT RING OUT IN A NEW SONG, A SONG OF FAITH IN THE FUTURE, A
7 SONG OF HOPE FOR A BETTER WORLD, A SONG OF LOVE FOR ALL. AMEN.

8

9 **RUBEN TREVISO:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF
10 ALLEGIANCE. PLEASE PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART.
11 VETERANS, PLEASE SALUTE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU PLEASE REMAIN
14 STANDING. THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, MANY OF US ARE REMINDED ABOUT
15 HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE TO BE SURROUNDED BY LOVED ONES. SADLY
16 THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY, NOT EVERYONE SHARES THAT BLESSING.
17 TOMORROW MORNING AT 9:30 A.M., THE COUNTY WILL BURY THE
18 REMAINS OF 1,489 INDIVIDUALS IN A MASS GRAVE. THESE
19 INDIVIDUALS ARE, FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, HAVE NO ONE BUT
20 THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A RESPECTFUL AND DIGNIFIED
21 BURIAL. SOME ARE HOMELESS. SOME ARE POOR. SOME HAVE NO
22 FAMILIES TO GRIEVE THEM. REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEIR STATUS IN
23 LIFE WAS EACH OF THEIR LIVES TRULY MATTERS, IT MATTERS TO US,
24 THE COUNTY FAMILY. AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO ASK EVERYONE TO

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1 JUST OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR THESE INDIVIDUALS.

2 [SILENCE.]

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4 **SUP KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR, AND TO OUR
7 COLLEAGUES. WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US THIS MORNING AS THE
8 MORNING INVOCATOR, THE REVEREND MATT KEADLE, HE IS THE PASTOR
9 OF THE ST. MARK'S CHURCH. HE HAS BEEN THE PASTOR OF THIS GREAT
10 CHURCH FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. THIS YEAR MARKS THE 110TH
11 ANNIVERSARY OF THE MINISTRY OF ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.
12 PRIOR TO COMING TO LOS ANGELES, REVEREND KEADLE SERVED ON
13 CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL
14 OF THEOLOGY AT CHICAGO WITH AN EMPHASIS IN URBAN MINISTRY.
15 PASTOR KEADLE RECENTLY PLANTED A COMMUNITY GARDEN AT ST.
16 MARK'S WITH THE SUPPORT OF YOUTH LEADERS AND PASTORS FROM
17 WASHINGTON STATE AND FROM STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
18 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. HE IS
19 MARRIED TO CHRISTINA AND HAS LIVED IN LOS ANGELES SINCE 2012.
20 THIS CHURCH HAS BEEN A BEACON FOR MANY, MANY YEARS IN THE CITY
21 OF LOS ANGELES. I HAD THE BENEFIT OF A LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP
22 WITH PASTOR KEADLE'S ONE OF HIS PREDECESSORS, THE REVEREND
23 MARK ECKLAND AND WORKED WITH LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES WHEN
24 REVEREND JOHN WAGNER WAS THE LEADER THERE. SO WE ARE CONNECTED
25 IN THE ADVOCACY FOR THOSE THINGS THAT ARE OF BENEFIT TO THE

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1 COMMUNITY AT LARGE. AND SO WE SAY TO YOU, PASTOR KEADLE, THANK
2 YOU FOR LEADING US IN THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION AND FOR YOUR
3 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE SECOND DISTRICT AND TO THE COUNTY
4 OF LOS ANGELES, AT LARGE. WE DO THIS ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS COUNTY
10 OF LOS ANGELES CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MY FRIEND AND
11 SOMEONE WHO HAS SERVED OUR COUNTRY IN THE PAST, AND THAT'S THE
12 HONORABLE RUBEN TREVISO. HE'S WORKED TO CREATE AND IMPROVE AND
13 CREATE SERVICES FOR ALL VETERANS. AND IN HIS OWN SERVICE IN
14 VIETNAM, HE WAS AWARDED THREE BRONZE STARS, THE VIETNAM CROSS
15 OF GALLANTRY AN AWARD SECOND ONLY TO VIETNAM'S CONGRESSIONAL
16 MEDAL OF HONOR. HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND HIS FELLOW
17 VETERANS DIDN'T END THERE. BACK IN 2007, MR. TREVISO COFOUNDED
18 THE NONPROFIT UNITED VETERANS OF AMERICA, AN ORGANIZATION
19 DEDICATED TO THE IMPROVEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT OF VETERANS'
20 LIVES. HE ALSO SERVED AS THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE
21 AMERICAN G.I. FORUM WHERE I MET HIM ALMOST TWO DECADES AGO AND
22 WAS A FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS WAR
23 MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE WAS A CONTRIBUTING AUTHOR TO
24 THE BOOK "VIETNAM RECONSIDERED: LESSONS FROM A WAR". FOR HIS
25 ENDLESS SERVICE, WE WANT TO THANK HIM AND HONOR HIM AND VERY

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1 HAPPY THAT HE WAS HERE TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2 THANK YOU, RUBEN. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I ALSO WANT TO ADD THIS YOUNG
5 MAN WAS VITAL IN ESTABLISHING OUR SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION IN
6 OUR OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE BEGIN WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

9

10 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF
11 THE BOARD, WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 3 OF THE AGENDA, ITEM NO. S-1,
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
13 JANUARY 6, 2015.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
16 KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** ON PAGE 4, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS,
19 AGENDAS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
20 NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT AND SANITATION DISTRICT NO.
21 27. ON ITEM SE-1, THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT REQUESTS
22 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF
23 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D, THERE'S A
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. 1-D. ON

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1 PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS
2 1-H AND 2-H. THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
8 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON ITEM 1-P, THERE'S A
9 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
10 PAGE 8, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14. ON NO. 1,
11 THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
12 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE
13 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS NO. 3 AND 4,
14 THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS
15 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 5, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT
16 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 6, 2015.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
19 ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS
22 THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. ON ITEM NO. 7,
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
24 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 8, THIS INCLUDES THE
25 REVISIONS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. SUPERVISOR KNABE

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1 AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND
2 THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE
3 YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECOND
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** ON PAGE 14, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 15
9 THROUGH 42. ON ITEM 15, THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE. ON
11 ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
12 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO DECEMBER 16, 2014. 16. ONE WEEK. ON
13 ITEMS 18, 19, 20 AND 21, THERE'S EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF
14 THE PUBLIC THAT REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 22,
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL VOTE NO ON
16 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM 23, THE DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND HARBORS
17 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. ON
18 ITEMS 24, 25, 26 AND 27, THEY'RE EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF
19 THE PUBLIC THAT REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.
20 31 AND 32, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
21 HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM 34, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM
22 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 38 AND
23 39, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
24 THESE ITEMS. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT
25 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY SOLIS. SECONDED BY
3 KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, ACCEPTED AS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICE, SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** ON PAGE 29, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO
7 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
8 THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM NO.
9 4 3A, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
10 THIS ITEM. ITEM 43-B IS BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SOLIS. SECOND WITHOUT
13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** ON ITEM 43-C, THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE
16 PUBLIC THAT REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON PAGE 23,
17 NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM CS-1 AND CS-4, THERE'S
18 EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT REQUEST THESE
19 ITEMS BE HELD. AND THIS ALSO INCLUDES ITEM CS-5, CS-6 AND CS-7
20 AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
21 READING OF THE AGENDA. SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
22 DISTRICT NO. 2. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE A VERY
25 SPECIAL PRESENTATION TODAY. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF OUTSTANDING

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1 HONOREES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THEM FROM THE
2 COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. JOINING US IS SUPERINTENDENT
3 DARREN BAHLEY, AND WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
4 PRINCIPAL FROM ONE OF THE SCHOOLS THAT WE WILL BE HONORING,
5 THAT IS MARIO MARQUEZ AND ONTRECE ALBERI. GIVE THEM A BIG
6 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WILL YOU? [APPLAUSE] MOST ESPECIALLY WE
7 WANT TO GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO OUR STAR STUDENT
8 TODAY. TIARA TAYLOR. GIVE TIARA A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
9 [APPLAUSE] WE RECOGNIZE THE TIBBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE
10 THOMAS JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR EACH RECEIVING THE 2014
11 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD. [APPLAUSE] MR. MAYOR AND
12 COLLEAGUES, YOU'LL KNOW THIS IS GRANTED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
13 OF EDUCATION AND THIS PRESTIGIOUS HONOR WAS BESTOWED ON ONLY
14 337 SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. LATER THIS MORNING, I SEE THAT
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE IS RECOGNIZING WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL IN
16 CERRITOS AS A RECIPIENT. AND SO THE COUNTY HAS DONE WELL BY
17 ITS RESIDENTS. AND SO WE ARE PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THESE TWO
18 SCHOOLS IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. AND THE FIRST IN
19 THE CITY OF COMPTON TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD. [APPLAUSE] AWARDED
20 UNDER THE CATEGORY OF EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT GAP CLOSING
21 SCHOOLS, THESE TWO SCHOOLS ARE SETTING THE STANDARDS FOR
22 IMPROVING STUDENT OUTCOMES. THE PRINCIPALS OF THESE TWO
23 SCHOOLS ARE STANDOUT. THEY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF
24 DEVELOPING SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS THAT MOTIVATE STUDENTS, ENGAGE
25 PARENTS AND SUPPORTS THE TEACHING STAFF. AND UNDER THEIR

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1 LEADERSHIP, THEY HAVE CREATED CULTURES OF HIGH EXPECTATION AND
2 ACCOUNTABILITY WITH TREMENDOUS RESULTS. AND WE SHARE THAT
3 PHILOSOPHY. AND THAT'S WHY THEY ACCEPT NO EXCUSES. AS EXCUSES
4 IN THEIR VIEW PERPETUATE FAILURE AND FAILURE AT THEIR SCHOOL
5 IS NOT AN OPTION. THEY ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY, ALONG WITH
6 THEIR STAFF, AS SCHOOL LEADERS TO CREATE THE NECESSARY
7 CONDITIONS TO MAKE LEARNING HAPPEN. IN ADDITION TO RECEIVING
8 THE NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD, THESE PRINCIPALS ARE ALSO
9 AWARDED THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TERREL H. BELL AWARD
10 FOR TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP. AND WITH EIGHT OTHER LEADERS IN THE
11 EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT, THIS AWARD HAS BEEN BESTOWED. SO WITH
12 US TODAY, REPRESENTING THE COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
13 AGAIN THE SUPERINTENDENT, THE PRINCIPALS AND THIS EXCEPTIONAL
14 YOUNG LADY. AND SO PLEASE GIVE ME A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE --
15 GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. CONGRATULATIONS TIBBY AND
16 JEFFERSON. [APPLAUSE] SO IF I CAN GET THE SCROLL? DELIGHTED TO
17 MAKE THAT PRESENTATION. SO THIS IS FOR THE REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 TIBBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WE SAY THIS ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND WE DO SO WITH THIS FIVE-SIGNATURE
20 SCROLL. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. AND TO JEFFERSON, THOMAS
21 JEFFERSON, WE PRESENT THIS TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH GREAT PRIDE AND RESPECT FOR THE WORK
23 THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE,
24 WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE]

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1 **DARIN BRAWLEY:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
2 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE
3 ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED. 35 SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF
4 CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDED FOR THIS AWARD. 24 AWARDED. 2 FROM
5 COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE
6 ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT
7 GAP. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE STUDENT SUCCESS THAT IS OCCURRING
8 AT THESE TWO SCHOOLS. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF ALL THE HARD WORK
9 THAT THE TEACHERS HAVE PUT IN TO MAKE THESE TWO SCHOOLS A
10 SUCCESS AS WELL AS THAT OF THE ADMINISTRATORS. SO ONCE AGAIN,
11 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
12 ACCOMPLISHMENTS BECAUSE IT INDEED IS A SIGNIFICANT
13 ACCOMPLISHMENT. ONLY DISTRICT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO RECEIVE
14 TWO NATIONAL BLUE RIBBONS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO NOW LET'S HEAR FROM ONE OF THE STAR
17 STUDENTS FROM THE COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TIARA
18 TAYLOR. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **TIARA TAYLOR:** GOOD MORNING.

21

22 **ALL:** GOOD MORNING.

23

24 **TIARA TAYLOR:** I'M TIARA TAYLOR, AND I'M ONE OF THE HIGH
25 ACHIEVING SCHOLARS AT TIBBY ELEMENTARY. [APPLAUSE] NOW

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1 RECOGNIZED AS A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL. AFTER CONSIDERING
2 MANY IDEAS, QUOTES AND CONVERSATIONS I'VE HAD WITH MY PEERS,
3 TEACHERS AND MY PARENTS, I'VE COMPOSED A POEM ENTITLED "WHAT
4 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON MEANS TO ME." "WHAT NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
5 MEANS TO ME. NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON MEANS OUR LITTLE INTERCITY
6 COMPTON SCHOOL IS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE NATION. THIS NATIONAL
7 ACHIEVEMENT MEANS HISPANICS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS CAN SUCCEED
8 DESPITE OUR CIRCUMSTANCES. NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON MEANS THE
9 WORDS ON OUR TEXTBOOKS, THE NUMBERS WE CONTINUOUSLY CALCULATE
10 AND THE PARAGRAPHS WE CREATIVELY COMPOSE RING LOUDER THAN THE
11 GUNSHOTS AND SIRENS IN OUR COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE] NATIONAL BLUE
12 RIBBON MEANS WE HAVE LEARNED THE VALUE OF BEING A LEADER. WE
13 LEAD THE NATION. NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON HELPED US UNDERSTAND
14 WHAT A GIFT EDUCATION IS. WE FEEL BLESSED TO BE AN ESSENTIAL
15 PART OF THIS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
16 MEANS WE CAN AND WILL ACHIEVE ANY AND EVERYTHING WE SET OUR
17 MINDS TO. BEING HONORED AS A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL MADE
18 US REALIZE THAT BEING A GOOD STUDENT, A LEADER, A GREAT
19 FRIEND, A FLUENT READER AND A WRITER WAS AND IS THE KEY TO
20 SUCCESS. THE NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON HONOR MEANS WE ARE LIVING
21 OUR LIVES THE RIGHT WAY AND WE ARE ON THE RIGHT PATH. THIS
22 ACHIEVEMENT MEANS WE VALUE AND RESPECT OUR PARENTS, PEERS,
23 TEACHERS, COMMUNITY AND, MOST OF ALL, OURSELVES. NATIONAL BLUE
24 RIBBON MEANS WE ARE DIFFERENCE MAKERS. NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
25 STATUS HAS BOOSTED OUR SELF-EFFICACY, THUS WE WILL CONTINUE TO

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1 PURSUE OUR DREAMS. THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD HAS MADE US REALIZE
2 THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS CAN'T-DO BECAUSE WE DID.
3 [APPLAUSE] NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON MEANS WE WILL GRADUATE FROM
4 U.C.L.A., HARVARD, U.S.C., PRINCETON, HOWARD OR ANY UNIVERSITY
5 WE ENTER. NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON MEANS WE ARE YOUR FUTURE DOERS,
6 THINKERS, MOVERS AND SHAKERS. NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON MEANS WE
7 ARE THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE." THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HOW ABOUT THAT? YOU OUGHT TO SHOW HER YOUR
10 LOVE. THIS IS OUR FUTURE. YEAH. JUST A LITTLE BIT OF SELF-
11 EFFICACY. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOW MR. MAYOR, A STANDOUT EVENT THAT MANY
14 HAVE COME TO KNOW AND RESPECT AS CARE HARBOR. I WISH TO BRING
15 TO YOU THE PRESIDENT, DON MINNELLI THE DENTAL DIRECTOR FOR
16 CARE HARBOR, MITCH GALPER. AND PATTI, THAT IS P.J. ATTABERRY
17 WHO IS THE DENTAL HYGIENE DIRECTOR AT CARE HARBOR AND KAREN
18 NOWICKI, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS FOR CARE HARBOR. GIVE
19 THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WILL YOU PLEASE? [APPLAUSE.] YOU
20 WILL WANT TO KNOW IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS THE LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY HAS BEEN THE SITE OF THE LARGEST METROPOLITAN FREE
22 CLINICS EVER CONDUCTED, AND EACH CLINIC HAS BUILT UPON THE
23 SUCCESS OF THE PREVIOUS CLINICS COLLECTIVELY TREATING OVER
24 25,000 PATIENTS. NOW WHAT DISTINGUISHES THIS EVENT, THIS
25 25,000 PATIENTS OVER A FOUR TO FIVE-DAY PERIOD OF TIME. CARE

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1 HARBOR, THIS FREE CLINIC, FILLS THE GAPS IN OUR HEALTHCARE
2 SYSTEM THAT LEAVE THE UNINSURED, UNDERINSURED AND THE
3 UNEMPLOYED FAMILIES WITH NOWHERE TO TURN FOR THE MOST BASIC
4 HEALTHCARE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
5 THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 400,000 UNINSURED INDIVIDUAL WHO DO NOT
6 QUALIFY FOR THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WHO CONTINUE TO REQUIRE
7 HEALTHCARE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND SO FROM SEPTEMBER
8 11TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14TH OF THIS YEAR CARE HARBOR PROVIDED
9 SOME 1,600 MEDICAL SERVICES, 4,500 DENTAL SERVICES, NEARLY
10 2,000 VISION SERVICES AND 1,200, NEARLY 1,300 PRESCRIPTION
11 GLASSES, SOME 1,400 VACCINATIONS AND SOME 733, TO BE PRECISE,
12 H.I.V. AND S.T.D. SCREENINGS. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY DID A
13 SIGNIFICANT JOB. I CALL IT A FREE CLINIC ON STEROIDS. CARE
14 HARBOR COLLABORATED WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND
15 SOCIAL SERVICES AND COVERED CALIFORNIA, ENROLLMENT COUNSELOR
16 TO PROVIDE OVER 2,000 INSURANCE CONSULTATIONS FOR COVERED
17 CALIFORNIA AND ENROLLED APPROXIMATELY 300 INDIVIDUALS WHO
18 QUALIFIED FOR THOSE BENEFITS. AND SO THE CARE HARBOR 2015
19 CLINIC WILL BE RETURNING NEXT YEAR FROM OCTOBER 15 THROUGH
20 OCTOBER THE 18TH AGAIN AT THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM,
21 THE SPORTS ARENA. AND AT THIS TIME IT TAKES A GREAT DEGREE OF
22 PRIDE AND RESPECT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE MEMBERS
23 OF THIS GREAT TEAM FROM CARE HARBOR FOR WHAT THEY CONTINUE TO
24 DO TO PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE AND COMPETENT CARE TO THE
25 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO I TAKE THE

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION TO DON MINELLI, TO MITCH
2 GALPER, DR. MITCH GALPER. P.J. ATTABERRY WHO HAS A SPECIAL SET
3 OF CREDENTIALS FOR BEING HERE. KAREN NAWICKY, AND ULTIMATELY
4 TO THE WHOLE TEAM. SO GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

5 [APPLAUSE] DESIGNATED HITTER IS HE WHO WILL SPEAK ON BEHALF OF
6 THE WHOLE TEAM IS DON MINNELLI. GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF
7 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **DON MINNELLI:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR, FIRST
10 OF ALL, FOR THIS AND FOR ALL THE SUPPORT THAT HE HAS GIVEN US
11 SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING OF CARE HARBOR, FROM THE VERY FIRST
12 EVENT. HE AND HIS TEAM, MUHAMMAD, IS HE HERE? HE IS A REALLY
13 BIG PART OF THIS EVENT TOO. WE REALLY THINK OF THEM AS PART OF
14 THE CARE HARBOR TEAM. THE NUMBERS THAT THE SUPERVISOR KIND OF
15 GAVE YOU KIND OF SKETCH THE DIMENSIONS OF WHAT WE DO FROM THE
16 PATIENT POINT OF VIEW. BUT THERE'S ANOTHER ELEMENT OF CARE
17 HARBOR THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT AND THAT'S THE VOLUNTEERS.
18 IT'S A VOLUNTEER-DRIVEN ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE ABOUT 3,000
19 VOLUNTEERS DURING THE COURSE OF A FOUR-DAY EVENT. HEALTHCARE
20 PROFESSIONALS, STUDENTS, LAY PEOPLE, PEOPLE LIKE MITCH AND
21 P.J. AND KAREN WHO ARE HERE WHO JUST GIVE THEIR TIME TO MAKE
22 THIS EVENT HAPPEN. IT'S BECAUSE OF THEM THAT THERE IS A CARE
23 HARBOR. IT'S AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE TO BE PART OF. I'M VERY
24 PROUD TO BE PART OF IT. I'M VERY PROUD OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO
25 WORK WITH PEOPLE LIKE THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE GENIUSES AT MAKING

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1 THIS EVENT HAPPEN. AND WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE SUPERVISOR
2 FOR THIS AWARD AND FOR HIS SUPPORT. AND THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** MY PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF THE 2014

5 CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE. YEAH, GIVE YOURSELVES AN APPLAUSE.

6 [APPLAUSE] AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING AS I FINISHED MY YEAR AS

7 CHAIRMAN, I TALKED ABOUT THE GOAL OF THE CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE,

8 ABOUT TEARING DOWN THE TRADITIONAL SILOS THAT GET CREATED IN

9 EVERY LARGE ORGANIZATION. AND WORKING TOGETHER ACROSS COUNTY

10 DEPARTMENTS. I'M PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT I WAS ALWAYS CONCERNED

11 FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THIS IS SOMETHING NEW, BUT WE HAD OVER

12 100 SUBMISSIONS FROM VARIOUS GROUPS OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

13 WORKING ON NEW PROJECTS. AND, YOU KNOW, LAST WEEK, WE SORT OF

14 HONORED THE TOP 8 AND WE SELECTED A FINAL THREE. BUT I THINK

15 THE IMPORTANT THING ABOUT ALL THIS, WHETHER THEY WIN A

16 CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE AWARD OR NOT, THESE PROGRAMS ARE GOING TO

17 GO INTO EFFECT HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO LET'S

18 GIVE THESE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR

19 THEIR EXTRA EFFORT. [APPLAUSE] I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY STAFF

20 AND ALL THE COUNTY STAFF THAT PARTICIPATED. WE HAVE THE TEAMS

21 UP HERE. AND I WAS SUPPOSED TODAY SAY FIRST I CALL UP, BUT I

22 FEEL SOMETHING OVER MY SHOULDER LIKE THEY'RE HERE, ALL RIGHT?

23 BUT THE FIRST HONOREE FOR THE CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE OF THE TOP

24 THREE IS FIRST WOMEN'S MILITARY AND VETERANS PROGRAM.

25 [APPLAUSE] THIS IS A VERY UNDERSERVED POPULATION, REQUIRES

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1 VERY UNIQUE SERVICES. AND IT'S THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHER
3 JURISDICTIONS NOT ONLY THROUGHOUT THE STATE BUT THROUGHOUT OUR
4 NATION. I'M GOING TO GIVE THIS SPECIAL AWARD TO OUR INTERNAL
5 DEPARTMENTS WHO WERE INVOLVED. AND THEN WE ALSO, LAST WEEK WE
6 HAD A LITTLE LUNCHEON. WE HONORED ALL THE STAFF MEMBERS THAT
7 REALLY PUT THIS PROGRAM TOGETHER. THEY'RE GOING GET ALL THE
8 ACCOLADES. BUT THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE BEHIND THEM
9 THAT REALLY BROUGHT THE PROGRAM TOGETHER. WE HAVE MILITARY AND
10 VETERANS AFFAIRS, WE HAVE THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ALSO
11 WE HAVE THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION, THE VETERANS' HEALTH
12 ADMINISTRATION, GOODWILL, SALVATION ARMY, MILITARY WOMEN IN
13 NEED, AND THE VETERANS' BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION. SO WE'RE GOING
14 TO PRESENT THE AWARD, RIGHT? THEY'RE PRETTY HEAVY. PRETTY
15 COOL. LOOK AT THIS. THIS IS DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND
16 VETERANS AFFAIRS. ALL RIGHT. IT'S PRETTY COOL, HUH? [APPLAUSE]
17 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING ELSE?
18 ANYTHING MORE? ALL RIGHT. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF
19 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. NEXT IS THE
20 FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL. AND THIS PROTOCOL AS IT RELATES TO
21 THE CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING. SO INSTEAD OF ARRESTING THESE YOUNG
22 GIRLS, THE YOUNG VICTIMS, HOW DO WE GET THEM THE WRAP- AROUND
23 SERVICES THAT THEY NEED TO MOVE ON TO THE LIFE THAT THEY
24 DESERVE? SO THE AWARDS OF THESE DEPARTMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS
25 ARE THE INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS ARE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND

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1 FAMILY SERVICES, PROBATION, HEALTH SERVICES AND THE SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT. ALSO SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS IS SAVING INNOCENCE
3 AND THE LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT. AND I BELIEVE WE ARE THE
4 NEW CHIEF OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MR. ROBERT LUNA IS IN THE
5 HOUSE, SO WELCOME. [APPLAUSE] ALL RIGHT. SO WE'RE GOING TO
6 START HANDING OUT THESE HEAVY AWARDS. SO STRONG ARMS.
7 PROBATION. [APPLAUSE] HOLD THE TOP AND BOTTOM. THEY DON'T COME
8 TOGETHER. THIS IS A TEST FOR MADE IN AMERICA GLUE. WOW. LOOK
9 AT THIS WHOLE CREW HERE. MR. BILL MCSWEENEY. ALL RIGHT.
10 CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] OUR FINAL WINNER IS
11 THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM. [APPLAUSE] THIS IS THE JOB
12 READY PROGRAM FOR OUR YOUTH AGES 17 TO 19 THAT HAVE TO BE IN
13 THE PROBATION SYSTEM. THEY'RE TRAINED, MENTORED AND POSITIONED
14 FOR A CAREER PATH IN OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. REALLY, A
15 NEW PATH TO LIFE. IT'S NOT JUST A JOB; IT'S A CAREER. SO WE'RE
16 GOING TO GIVE OUR SPECIAL AWARD TO OUR INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS
17 WHO WERE INVOLVED. COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES. PUBLIC
18 WORKS. PROBATION. C.E.O. HUMAN RESOURCES. L.A. COUNTY OFFICE
19 OF EDUCATION. ALSO SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS WERE GIRLS AND
20 GANGS. AND THE SOLEDAD ENRICHMENT ACTION. SO WE'RE GOING TO
21 MAKE THIS FINAL PRESENTATION AND GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF
22 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] SO I'M TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO THEM THIS
23 PIECE OF ART. IF YOU HOLD THAT UP, JERRY. WHAT IT DOES IS
24 SIGNIFIES THESE ARE KIND OF LIKE HANDS COMING TOGETHER AND
25 WORKING TOGETHER. SO THEY WANTED TO KNOW. SO THAT WAS THE

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1 THEORY BEHIND THIS. PRETTY COOL, HUH? ONE PHOTO HERE. ALL
2 RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR OUR
3 CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE AWARD WINNERS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] WHEN
4 I INDICATED OVER 100 SUBMISSIONS, THAT PROBABLY INCLUDED 1,000
5 EMPLOYEES. SO LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
6 [APPLAUSE] NOW TO FOLLOW IN THE STEPS OF SUPERVISOR MARK
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS, I'M PROUD TO CALL UP DR. MARY SIEU, THE
8 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE A.B.C. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, RHONDA
9 BUSS, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL OF WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL, SUZANNE
10 CAMPBELL, PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY, JODY IMPROTA, TEACHER, YING
11 SANG, STUDENT ADVISER AND STUDENTS JONATHAN HAN AND JI HI LEE.
12 SO WE COULD CARRY THE TROPHIES QUIETLY. WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL,
13 WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CERRITOS WAS ALSO SELECTED AS
14 A 2014 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AND IT'S THE ONLY HIGH
15 SCHOOL RECOGNIZED AMONG THE 24 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
16 THAT HAD THIS HONOR. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THIS IS
17 WHITNEY'S FIFTH TIME WINNING THIS VERY PRESTIGIOUS AWARD.
18 [APPLAUSE] WHITNEY WAS SELECTED AS AN EXEMPLARY HIGH-
19 PERFORMING SCHOOL WHICH IS DEFINED AS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
20 SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE MOST RECENT YEAR TESTED PLACING THE
21 SCHOOL AMONG THE HIGHEST PERFORMING IN THE STATE ON
22 ASSESSMENTS AND READING AND MATHEMATICS. KEEP IT DOWN A LITTLE
23 BIT THERE. THANK YOU. WHITNEY WAS HONORED RECENTLY AT THE
24 NATIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY HELD LAST MONTH IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
25 WHERE THEY RECEIVED THEIR NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON PLAQUE AND FLAG

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1 TO DISPLAY AT THEIR SCHOOL AS A MARK OF EXCELLENCE. IN
2 ADDITION, WHITNEY WAS ALSO RECENTLY JUST NAMED THE 4TH BEST
3 HIGH SCHOOL IN THE NATION AND THE TOP HIGH SCHOOL IN
4 CALIFORNIA ACCORDING TO "NEWSWEEK" MAGAZINE. SO ON BEHALF OF
5 MY COLLEAGUES HERE IN THE BOARD, WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS
6 PLAQUE TO WHITNEY FROM MY HOMETOWN RIGHT UP THE STREET
7 RECOGNIZING THEM AS A 2014 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AND
8 WISH THEM OF CONTINUED SUCCESS. INCREDIBLE SCHOOL. INCREDIBLE
9 STUDENTS. SO CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **DR. MARY SIEU:** FIRST OF ALL, IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE AND OUR
12 HONOR TO ALL BE HERE AT THE INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR KNABE.
13 IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE FOURTH DISTRICT
14 SUPERVISOR WHO WE KNOW AS OUR NEIGHBOR TO SUSTAIN HIGH
15 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT COMES AS A RESULT OF TREMENDOUS STUDENTS
16 THAT WE HAVE AT THE SCHOOL, A WONDERFUL STAFF, LEADERSHIP AS
17 WELL AS THE PARENTS TO SUPPORT US. AND SO WE'RE ABSOLUTELY
18 PROUD OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BEING A FIFTH YEAR WINNER WITH
19 THE NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON THIS YEAR. AND AGAIN IT'S OUR HONOR
20 TO BE HERE. AT THIS POINT I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE DR. RHONDA
21 BUSS WHO WILL ALSO INTRODUCE OUR STUDENT SPEAKER.

22

23 **DR. RHONDA BUSS:** GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISOR KNABE, THANK YOU
24 VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. IT IS TRULY A PRIVILEGE FOR US TO BE
25 HERE TODAY. I DON'T KNOW THAT MANY PEOPLE GET THIS

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1 OPPORTUNITY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR
2 THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO INTRODUCE THE
3 STAFF UP HERE JUST TO MAKE SURE THIS IS JODY IMPROTA. SHE'S
4 OUR A.S.B. DIRECTOR AS WELL AS OUR DRAMA TEACHER. OUR A.S.B.
5 PRESIDENT WILL BE SPEAKING IN A FEW MOMENTS. HE IS JONATHAN
6 HAN. AND THIS IS JI HI LEE AND SHE IS OUR A.S.B. VICE
7 PRESIDENT. AND MY RIGHT HAND AND THE ONE WHO REALLY RUNS THE
8 SCHOOL, THIS IS SUZANNE CAMPBELL. SHE'S THE OFFICE MANAGER.
9 AND THEN YIN SANG IS A STUDENT ADVISER. AND JUST TO LET YOU
10 KNOW, THROUGH THE HARD WORK OF OUR TEACHERS, STAFF AND
11 STUDENTS, 100 PERCENT OF WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GO TO
12 COLLEGE. SO THE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS, WE UNDERSTAND IT
13 AND WE LIVE THROUGH IT AND WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE
14 CONTINUED EXCELLENCE IS HAPPENING AT WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL,
15 BUILDING A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE FOR L.A. COUNTY. NOW JONATHAN
16 HAN. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **JONATHAN HAN:** THANK YOU DR. BUSS. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
19 JONATHAN HAN, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT OF. JI HI LEE OUR STUDENT
20 BODY PRESIDENT AND I ARE EXTREMELY HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY TO
21 RECOGNIZE OUR SCHOOL'S EXCELLENCE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
22 KNABE AND THE OTHER SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONTINUAL SUPPORT
23 FOR NOT ONLY OUR SCHOOL BUT THE SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
24 AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR FACULTY AND STAFF AT OUR SCHOOL
25 FOR PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES TO HELP US

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1 THRIVE ON CAMPUS. SO AGAIN WE'RE JUST SO HONORED TO BE HERE TO
2 BE RECEIVING THIS AWARD AND FOR THE RECOGNITION. THANK YOU.
3 [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS IS THAT TIME OF YEAR WHERE WE
6 KNOW THAT THE YEAR IS COMING TO AN END WHEN WE BRING DOWN THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE ROSE QUEEN AND HER COURT. THIS IS THE
8 97TH ROSE QUEEN OF THE ANNUAL ROSE PARADE WHICH IS 127TH
9 ANNUAL ROSE PARADE WHOSE THEME THIS YEAR IS "INSPIRING
10 STORIES." IT'S A WONDERFUL ACTIVITY. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO
11 ATTEND. I'M A WHITE SUITER MYSELF, SO I'M THERE ASSISTING, AS
12 WELL. BECAUSE THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS.
13 THEY'RE ALL VOLUNTEERS. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THEY'VE DONE AN
14 INCREDIBLE JOB. AND DURING THE YEAR, THEY'RE ALSO HELPING MANY
15 OF THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREA, AS WELL. THIS
16 YEAR THE ROSE QUEEN IS MADISON TRIPLETT WHO IS A RESIDENT OF
17 ALTADENA. 17 YEARS OLD, A STUDENT AT MARSHAL FUNDAMENTAL HIGH
18 SCHOOL. AND SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE VARSITY TRACK AND
19 VOLLEYBALL TEAMS. SHE PLANS TO ATTEND TULANE UNIVERSITY AND
20 STUDY ECONOMICS AND FRENCH. SHE HOPES TO ONE DAY DEVELOP A
21 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO EDUCATE MINORITIES ON FINANCIAL
22 LITERACY AND SHE IS ALSO I'M PROUD TO SAY PART OF THE BRIGHT
23 SCHOLARS PROGRAM HEADED BY DR. THOMAS WHICH I HAPPEN TO BE THE
24 EMERITUS DEAN OF. IT'S A WONDERFUL PROGRAM THAT TAKES YOUNG
25 PEOPLE FROM THE NINTH GRADE, TURNS THEM INTO LEADERS NOT ONLY

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1 IN THE COUNTY BUT OUR STATE AND OUR NATION. SO FOR MADISON.
2 THERE WE GO. PRINCESS MACKENZIE BYERS IS 18 YEARS OLD, A
3 RESIDENT OF PASADENA, FRESHMAN AT PASADENA COLLEGE AND A
4 RECENT GRADUATE AT TEMPLE HIGH SCHOOL WHERE SHE WAS THE
5 PRESIDENT OF THE SHOW CHOIR AND MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED
6 STUDENT BODY LEADERSHIP TEAM. HER FREE TIME SHE ENJOYS ACTING
7 AND PARTICIPATING IN MUSICALS AND VOLUNTEERING IN HER
8 COMMUNITY. PRINCESS GABRIELLE ANN CURRENT IS A RESIDENT OF
9 PASADENA, 18 YEARS OLD, SHE ATTENDS FLINTRIDGE SACRED HEART
10 ACADEMY AND IS ALSO A STUDENT AT THE COLBURN UNIVERSITY WHERE
11 SHE STUDIES VOICE AND PLANS TO MAJOR IN MUSIC MANAGEMENT IN
12 COLLEGE. SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AND THE
13 CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION. PRINCESS VERONICA SARA
14 MEJIA IS A RESIDENT OF PASADENA. SHE IS 19 YEARS OLD AND SHE
15 IS A STUDENT AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE AND A RECENT GRADUATE OF
16 SAN MARINO HIGH SCHOOL WHERE SHE WAS A PEER MENTOR AND CAPTAIN
17 OF THE CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK TEAMS. PLANS TO BECOME A MENTAL
18 HEALTH COUNSELOR. PRINCESS BERGEN ONUFOR IS A RESIDENT OF
19 PASADENA, SHE'S 17 YEARS OLD ATTENDING MAYFIELD SENIOR SCHOOL,
20 MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL'S VARSITY SOCCER TEAM. ACTIVE PARTICIPANT
21 IN HER SCHOOL'S DANCE CONSERVATORY AND SHE PLANS TO MAJOR IN
22 BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS IN COLLEGE. PRINCESS SIMONA SHAO
23 IS A RESIDENT OF ARCADIA. SHE IS 17 YEARS OLD AND A SENIOR AT
24 WESTRIDGE SCHOOL. PRESIDENT OF THE WESTRIDGE GLEE CLUB AND
25 MEMBER OF THE A CAPPELLA GROUP. HER MUSICAL TALENTS HAVE

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1 ALLOWED HER TO RECORD A DEMO TRACK PRODUCED AND ALSO DID THE
2 COLBURN SCHOOL OF MUSIC. SHE HOPES TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF
3 PENNSYLVANIA MAJORING IN POLITICS OR MUSIC. I HAPPEN TO KNOW
4 SIMONA SINCE SHE WAS A LITTLE GIRL. PRINCESS ALICIA OLIVAS
5 STOKER, 17 YEAR OLD RESIDENT OF TEMPLE CITY. ATTENDS TEMPLE
6 CITY HIGH SCHOOL, CAPTAIN OF THE VARSITY CHEER TEAM AND A
7 MEMBER OF THE LINK CREW, FRESHMAN MENTORING PROGRAM, MEMBER OF
8 THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, CALIFORNIA SCHOLASTIC FEDERATION,
9 ACTIVE WITH THE FIRST BAPTIST TEMPLE CITY YOUTH GROUP. PLANS
10 TO PURSUE A CAREER IN MEDICAL RESEARCH OR BECOME A PHYSICIAN
11 BY MAJORING IN CHEMISTRY AND MEDICINE.

12
13 **MADISON TRIPLETT:** GOOD MORNING, I'M QUEEN MADISON AND I ATTEND
14 MARSHAL FUNDAMENTAL SECONDARY HIGH SCHOOL. THANK YOU SO MUCH
15 FOR HONORING US AND ACKNOWLEDGING EVERYTHING THAT THE
16 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES BRINGS TO THE CITY OF PASADENA. WELL NOT
17 JUST THE CITY OF PASADENA BUT THE ENTIRE WORLD. THE TOURNAMENT
18 OF ROSES ROSE PARADE IS BROADCAST WORLDWIDE AND BRINGS SMILES
19 TO EVERYONE AROUND THE WORLD NEW YEAR'S DAY. THANK YOU VERY
20 MUCH FOR ACKNOWLEDGING US. IT'S SUCH AN HONOR TO BE HERE. I
21 HOPE ALL OF YOU TUNE IN TO THE ROSE PARADE JANUARY 1 AT 8 A.M.
22 SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS IS A VERY BIG YEAR FOR THE
25 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE

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1 AMERICAN ARMENIAN'S FLOAT ASSOCIATION HAS A FLOAT IN THAT
2 PARADE. AS I SAID, THE PARADE, THIS IS THE 127TH ANNUAL PARADE
3 WE'RE HAVING. TODAY WE WELCOME CHRIS JOHENIAN WHO IS THE
4 PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ARMENIAN ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION AND
5 THE MEMBERS OF HIS BOARD. ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN
6 ARMENIAN ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION, CHRIS HAS WORKED ALL YEAR
7 LONG TO DESIGN, FUND AND BUILD THE VERY FIRST ARMENIAN ROSE
8 PARADE FLOAT. THE 2015 FLOAT WILL FEATURE A DEPICTION OF THE
9 RICH HISTORY OF THE ARMENIAN CULTURE. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS
10 THE HOME OF THE LARGEST ARMENIAN POPULATION OUTSIDE OF
11 ARMENIA. TODAY THEY ARE ENRICHING THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH
12 THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITIES OF MEDICINE, BUSINESS,
13 EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT. CHRIS AND HIS BOARD TAKE GREAT PRIDE
14 IN ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THEM WITH THIS
15 PROCLAMATION AND WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS AS WE WATCH THEIR
16 WONDERFUL FLOAT ON JANUARY 1ST. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN ROSE BOWL ARMENIAN FLOAT
19 ASSOCIATION, WE WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE FIRST EVER AMERICAN ARMENIAN ROSE
21 FLOAT. THIS YEAR INSPIRING STORIES IS THE FOCAL POINT OF THE
22 TOURNAMENT. AS AMERICAN ARMENIANS, WE'VE BEEN ON THIS LAND
23 SINCE 1618 WITH MARTIN THE ARMENIAN, THE FIRST ARMENIAN WHO
24 SETTLED IN JAMESTOWN, VIRGINIA. OUR INSPIRING STORIES ARE NOT
25 REPRESENTED ON THE FLOAT ITSELF. IT IS JUST CRADLE OF

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1 CIVILIZATION PRESENTING OVER 10,000 YEARS OF EXISTENCE ON THE
2 PLANET. THE BOOKS THAT WE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS LIST THE FIRST HAIR DRYER IN THE WORLD. ANOTHER
4 INSPIRING STORY. IT LISTS THE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION THAT
5 EVERY ONE OF US USE. BY THE WAY, THE FIRST DRYER IS GABRIEL
6 CAZANDRAN, AN AMERICAN ARMENIAN. THE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
7 IS, ASADU SARAFIAN, AN ORPHAN WHO ARRIVED TO THE STATES AND
8 CREATED THAT AND THE A.T.M. MACHINE, LUTHER SINJIN, THE
9 SMALLEST MICROTRANSMITTER WHICH TODAY PRESENTS THE CELL PHONES
10 THAT WE HAVE EDWARD [INAUDIBLE]. IT IS OUR PLEASURE AND HONOR
11 TO PRESENT TO THE WHOLE WORLD A CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION BY THE
12 AMERICAN ARMENIAN ROSE FLOAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE
13 BOARD AND THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. AND AS WE SAY IN ARMENIAN
14 [SPEAKING ARMENIAN] AS OUR TRADITION, WE ALWAYS HAVE TO GIVE
15 GIFTS. WE GIVE THOSE BOOKS. YES, WE HAVE, AND THE AMERICAN IN
16 ARMENIAN TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
17 [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE ARMENIANS HAD A GENOCIDE THAT
20 OCCURRED AND WE ARE COMMEMORATING THAT TRAGEDY IN APRIL. TODAY
21 IS THE 81ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE. IN 1932, TO
22 BREAK THE UKRAINIANS' NATION'S OPPOSITION TO THE SOVIET
23 RUSSIAN RULE, STALIN ORDERED THE SEIZURE AND REMOVAL OF ALL
24 GRAIN, INCLUDING SEEDS AND PLANTING TO STARVE THE PEOPLE IN
25 UKRAINE. HOMES AND FARMS WERE SEARCHED FOR THE SMALLEST

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1 HANDFUL OF FOOD. AND BY THE END OF 1932, ALL THE BIRDS AND
2 WILD ANIMALS HAD DISAPPEARED. STALIN'S GOAL WAS TO BREAK THE
3 NATION BY DESTROYING NOT JUST ITS PEOPLE BUT ITS LANGUAGE AND
4 HISTORY. AS A RESULT, 10 MILLION UKRAINIANS DIED BY THE WINTER
5 OF 1933 DUE TO THE SOVIET COMMUNISM, STALIN'S EFFORTS TO KILL
6 OPPOSITION. ALL DIED AS A RESULT OF STARVATION. CHILDREN DIED
7 FIRST, 2 MILLION OF THEM. THEN THE OLD, THE WOMEN AND FINALLY
8 THE MEN. IN 1988, CONGRESS, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MACE
9 COMMISSION CONCLUDED JOSEPH STALIN AND THOSE AROUND HIM HAD
10 COMMITTED GENOCIDE AGAINST UKRAINIANS IN THE 1932-33 TIME
11 FRAME. TODAY WE ARE VERY PROUD AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GRAND
12 PARK HAS A MONUMENT HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE UKRAINIAN
13 GENOCIDE. WITH US TODAY IS PETER BORSO, PRESIDENT OF THE
14 CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE TO COMMEMORATE THE GENOCIDE IN UKRAINE.
15 AND WE ARE VERY UPSET WITH WHAT IS OCCURRING TODAY IN THE
16 UKRAINE, WHICH APPEARS PUTIN IS TRYING TO REPEAT WHAT STALIN
17 HAD DONE IN THE PAST. I WOULD HOPE THAT ALL THE FREE COUNTRIES
18 OF THE WORLD WOULD UNITE TO ENSURE THAT UKRAINE WOULD REMAIN A
19 FREE COUNTRY.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
22 ESPECIALLY TO SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH FOR JUST -- IT'S VERY
23 HARD FOR VICTIMS OF GENOCIDE TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR SOMEONE
24 IN A GROUP LIKE THE BOARD HERE WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO
25 ACKNOWLEDGE OUR HISTORY, OUR PAIN AND TO HELP US TRANSIT INTO

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1 THE FUTURE. THE MONUMENT IN GRAND PARK IS MORE THAN JUST A
2 MEMORIAL TO THE VICTIMS OF THE GENOCIDE. IN THE COURSE OF THE
3 LAST 20 YEARS, I'VE INTERVIEWED CLOSE TO 100 SURVIVORS OF THE
4 GENOCIDE. AND ONE THING THAT ALWAYS STRUCK ME IN THE
5 INTERVIEWS WAS: WHEN I ASKED THEM WHAT THEIR GREATEST FEAR
6 WAS, IT WAS NOT A FEAR OF DYING. THEY HAD SO MUCH DEATH AROUND
7 THEM THAT THEY WERE THEY WERE ACCUSTOMED TO IT. IT WAS A FEAR
8 OF DYING UNACKNOWLEDGED. OF BEING BURIED SOMEWHERE AND NO ONE
9 WOULD EVER KNOW WHERE THEY DIED AND WHERE THEY WERE BURIED. NO
10 ONE WOULD REMEMBER THEM. AND FOR THOSE 10 MILLION, THIS
11 MONUMENT IS THEIR GRAVE. IT IS THE ETERNAL MEMORY OF HOW THEY
12 SUFFER. AND WHEN EVERYONE ELSE FORGOT ABOUT THEM, THIS
13 MONUMENT SAYS "WE DID NOT." SO WE THANK THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS FOR HELPING US GET THAT MONUMENT PLACED, AND WE
15 ESPECIALLY THANK MIKE ANTONOVICH FOR HIS LIFE LONG CAREER
16 DEDICATED TO JUSTICE, TO FREEDOM, TO HUMAN RIGHTS, AND
17 PERSONALLY FROM ME MOST OF ALL HAVING THE MORAL COMPASS TO
18 KNOW THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND THEN TO DO IT. THANK YOU VERY,
19 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE FROM OUR
22 PROBATION DEPARTMENT OPERATION SAFE HALLOWEEN. [APPLAUSE] THIS
23 WAS THE THIRD ANNUAL OPERATION, SAFE HALLOWEEN, HELPING KEEP
24 CHILDREN SAFE. EIGHT TEAMS COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 70
25 DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICERS ASSEMBLED ACROSS THE COUNTY IN 8

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1 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, THEY CONDUCTED 50 OF THE 66 SCHEDULED
2 COMPLIANCE CHECKS TO INSURE THAT CONVICTED CHILD PREDATORS
3 WERE COMPLYING WITH THEIR COURT ORDER CONDITIONS OF PROBATION,
4 WHICH WOULD HAVE INCLUDED POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, HAVING
5 TOYS OR STUFFED ANIMALS IN THEIR HOME, HAVING CANDY OR
6 HALLOWEEN COSTUMES, DECORATING THEIR HOMES FOR HALLOWEEN. A
7 POMONA DEPUTY SHERIFF'S OFFICES AND FOUND A CONVICTED SEX
8 OFFENDERS WITH TWO OTHER ADULTS AND A 10-YEAR-OLD GIRL. THE
9 SEX OFFENDER WAS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF HIS CONDITION OF
10 PROBATION BY BEING IN THE HOME WITH CHILDREN AND WAS ARRESTED.
11 THE TWO OTHER ADULTS, A MALE AND A FEMALE WERE ARRESTED FOR
12 HAVING OUTSTANDING WARRANTS. THE 10-YEAR-OLD CHILD, A FEMALE,
13 WAS TAKEN INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, WHICH WAS WORKING IN CONJUNCTION
15 WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IN SANTA CLARITA, ANOTHER
16 CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION OF PROBATION FOR
17 LIVING IN HIS MOTHER'S HOME WHILE SHE CARED FOR SEVERAL
18 CHILDREN, INCLUDING AN INFANT AND A NINE-YEAR-OLD CHILD.
19 OPERATION SAFE HALLOWEEN ALSO SEIZED THREE DESKTOP COMPUTERS,
20 TWO LAPTOP COMPUTERS, 13 U.S.B. DEVICES AND MARIJUANA AND
21 OTHER DRUGS. SO WE WANT TO MAKE THE SCROLL TO CHIEF POWERS AND
22 RECOGNIZE THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT WHO
23 NOT ONLY DO A GOOD JOB WITH THIS OPERATION SAFE FOR HALLOWEEN
24 BUT WITH OUR DISARM PROGRAM, WHICH HAS REMOVED THOUSANDS OF

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1 GUNS FROM THE HOMES OF THOSE ON PROBATION. WE APPRECIATE THEIR
2 DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONALISM. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **JERRY POWERS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR
5 PRESENTING US THIS SCROLL AND RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF OUR
6 TEAM FOR OPERATION SAFE HALLOWEEN. I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL OF THE
7 MEMBERS OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IN THE CHAMBERS TO PLEASE
8 STAND UP. [APPLAUSE] THIS IS A SMALL REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF
9 THE TEAMS THAT WENT OUT. I ALSO HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL FROM EACH
10 OF THE 8 TEAMS THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER TO DO THESE 50 SEARCHES
11 MAYOR ANTONOVICH TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE OPERATION OUTCOMES.
12 I THINK, FRANKLY, THE MOST IMPORTANT OUTCOME WAS THAT WE
13 EXECUTED 50 SEARCHES AND 50 COMPLIANCE CHECKS WITHOUT A SINGLE
14 INJURY OR INCIDENT TO MY STAFF OR THE PUBLIC. AND I THINK THAT
15 THAT CERTAINLY SPEAKS TO THE PROFESSIONALISM OF WHAT THESE
16 INDIVIDUALS DID. [APPLAUSE] MR. MAYOR, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
17 WHAT YOU'VE DONE. I WILL SAY WITH ALL OF THESE PROBATION
18 OFFICERS HERE IN THE CHAMBERS TODAY, THIS IS THE SAFEST PLACE
19 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THIS MORNING. [LAUGHTER.] I DO HAVE TO
20 SAY THAT EARLIER THIS MORNING, WE RECEIVED RECOGNITION FOR OUR
21 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES AND OUR WORK WITH SEX TRAFFICKING
22 AND NOW WITH SEX OFFENDERS. I THINK IT HELPS TO HIGHLIGHT HOW
23 DIVERSE PROBATION IS AND THE TYPES OF JOBS THAT WE DO EVERY
24 DAY IN OUR COMMUNITY TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE. AND I THINK
25 THAT THAT TRULY IS A CREDIT TO THE DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM

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1 OF THE ENTIRE PERSONNEL OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I'M
2 CERTAINLY PROUD TO STAND HERE WITH THEM AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE
3 THEIR EFFORTS. AND I WOULD ASK THAT WE GIVE THEM ONE BIG ROUND
4 OF APPLAUSE, NOT JUST FOR OPERATION SAFE HALLOWEEN BUT FOR
5 EVERYTHING THAT THEY DO DURING THE YEAR. SO THANK YOU, MR.
6 MAYOR. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE VENUS WHO IS A 12
9 MONTH OLD POODLE MIX. A LITTLE GIRL. LOOKING FOR A HOME. THIS
10 IS LITTLE VENUS. ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT VENUS? SHE GOT HER
11 HANDS UP. SHE'S SAYING HELP. HELP ME. HELP ME, HELP ME. SHE
12 WANTS A HOME FOR CHRISTMAS. SO YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610. AND
13 VENUS WILL BE YOUR LITTLE STAR FOR CHRISTMAS OR FOR HANUKKAH
14 TO OPEN UP THE 2015 NEW YEARS WITH A PUPPY OF LOVE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ROBERT LUCAS ON 19, E.T. SNELL ON 19
17 AND 20. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL ON 3, 26 AND 39. AMEER FLIPPIN, 24,
18 25, 27, 31, 32, 34. GOOD MORNING, MR. LUCAS.

19

20 **ROBERT LUCAS:** STILL HOPING FOR A TIE. AS YOU SEE I DRUMMED ONE
21 UP. YOU KNOW, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR ME FOR THIS HOUSING
22 PLACEMENT. ONE ISSUE BECAUSE OF THE INTEREST THAT I HAVE WITH
23 THE HOMELESS, THE MENTALLY ILL AND THE D.P.S.D. BECAUSE THIS
24 SEEMS THAT WRITTEN AS THOUGH TO TRY AND PREVENT SOME OF THESE
25 LOST SOULS THAT WERE MENTIONED EARLIER. AND I CAN'T TELL YOU

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1 HOW HEARTBREAKING IT IS TO SPEND AN ENTIRE WEEK DOWN IN THE
2 SKID ROW DISTRICT AND EXPERIENCE SOME OF THE HOPELESSNESS AND
3 DESPERATION. NOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING
4 AT THIS, WE CAN BE VERY JUDGMENTAL. HOWEVER, SPENDING THE LAST
5 THREE MONTHS DOWN THERE BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE RESOURCES THAT
6 HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO ME AFTER COMING OUT OF PRISON FOR SUCH A
7 LONG TIME, I UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE STRUGGLES THAT GO ON DOWN
8 THERE. AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE
9 DOWN THERE. HOWEVER, SOME OF THE CRITERIA AND THE THINGS THAT
10 ARE ASKED SEEM TO BE THE DEFINING SCREENING FOR SOME OF THESE
11 INDIVIDUALS. AND FOR ME PERSONALLY, IT'S NOT HARD. THE THINGS
12 THAT THEY ASK YOU FOR THESE RESOURCES ARE NOT HARD. I CAN'T
13 TELL YOU THIS -- I CAN TELL YOU THIS THAT WHEN YOU HAVE
14 NOBODY, THERE IS NO FAMILY, OR YOUR FAMILY HAS A HISTORY OF
15 THE SAME LIFE THAT YOU'RE LIVING, IT'S HARD TO BREAK THAT
16 CYCLE BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT YOU KNOW. I CAN ALSO
17 MAKE YOU AWARE OF THIS. SPENDING 24 HOURS DOWN THERE. WHEN
18 THEY SAY THE CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS, I CAN TELL YOU FROM
19 PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THE DOWNTOWN AREA CAN BE VERY ADDICTING TO
20 THE PEOPLE WITH ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORS. IT'S ALIVE. THERE'S A LOT
21 OF ACTIVITY. AND IT CAN BE VERY, VERY HAZARDOUS. IT'S NOT HARD
22 TO FIND THE RESOURCES TO TAKE YOURSELF OUT OF THAT. I BELIEVE
23 THAT IT TAKES SOME PEOPLE WITH ENOUGH COURAGE TO WALK AMONG
24 THEM AND LISTEN TO THE PLIGHT AND HELP THEM GET TO THESE
25 PLACES. IS IT AN EASY THING TO DO? NO. BUT I KNOW WHEN HE

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1 MENTIONED THE 1,100 SOULS THAT HAVE GONE UNCLAIMED, THAT KIND
2 OF GOT MY ATTENTION BECAUSE YOU CAN WALK FROM ONE END TO THE
3 OTHER DOWN THERE AND SEE EXACTLY WHAT SOME OF THESE
4 INDIVIDUALS' FUTURES ARE. HOPEFULLY YOU GUYS HAVE A GRAND
5 AFTERNOON. MR. ANTONOVICH, I'LL SPEAK AGAIN BECAUSE I STILL
6 WANT A TIE OR A SHIRT. THANKS.

7

8 **AMEER FLIPPIN:** YES, MY NAME IS AMEER FLIPPIN ON OUR WEEKLY
9 ROUND, COOPERATIVELA.COM. THE PUBLIC COMMENTS TODAY ARE
10 FOCUSED ON MORE SPECIFIC IDEAS AROUND A POSSIBLE BARE BONES
11 DESIGN TO INCLUDE COOPERATIVES AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ITEMS
12 ON THE AGENDA TODAY. WE DON'T REALLY THINK THAT CO-OPS ARE THE
13 END ALL SOLUTION BUT IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBLE
14 MINORITY OPTION AND SORT OF A CIVIL RIGHTS FOR CITIZENS
15 SEARCHING FOR A MORE VIABLE OPTION FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS
16 DURING LONG PERIODS OF ECONOMIC TRANSITION, WHICH EARLIER
17 TODAY WITH SOME OF THE PRESENTATIONS YOU TALKED ABOUT WHAT
18 HAPPENED IN THE PAST IN EUROPE. CO-OPS BECAME INCREASINGLY
19 POPULAR DURING HARD TIMES DURING THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.
20 STATE LAWS HERE IN THE U.S. EVOLVED AS A RESULT OF LARGE
21 GROUPS ATTEMPTING TO POOL MONEY AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL TO DO
22 BUSINESS. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF KEY FACTORS THAT DIFFERENTIATE
23 OUR TIME PERIOD FROM THE PREVIOUS TURN OF THE CENTURY. A LARGE
24 PERCENTAGE OF OUR POPULATION IS VERY WELL EDUCATED AND HAVE
25 INSTANT ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON ANY SUBJECT VIA THE INTERNET.

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1 THE INTERNET AND E-COMMERCE POLICIES HAVE BECOME A GLOBAL
2 HURDLE WITH DIFFERENT POLICIES DEVELOPING AROUND THE WORLD. A
3 POSSIBLE BARE BONES STRATEGY FOR LOS ANGELES WOULD BE TO TAKE
4 THE LEAD IN DEVELOPING SUCH POLICIES AND TO ALLOW COMMUNITIES
5 TO EVOLVE AROUND PILOT PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH COOPERATIVES
6 IN VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD POCKETS AROUND LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
7 WHILE ALLOWING EACH UNIQUE ETHNIC GROUP TO EXPERIMENT AND TO
8 RESCUE THEMSELVES INTO SORT OF A FORUM ENVIRONMENT AS A
9 LEARNING MODULE, SO THE BARE- BONES IDEA HERE IN L.A. IS TO
10 DEVELOP A UNIQUE MISSION STATEMENT FOR EACH CO-OP
11 PARTICIPATING COMMUNITY AROUND THE CONCEPTS OF A HIGHER
12 QUALITY OF LIFE. AND ECONOMIC NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION.
13 REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENED IN OUR NEAR TERM HISTORY, AT SOME
14 POINT IN TIME THE SITUATION HAS TO REACH A SATURATION POINT,
15 AT LEAST FOR A FEW IN ORDER FOR A LARGER GROUP TO FIND
16 STABILITY. SO THE BUZZ SHOULD FIND A MILD REMEDY OR MORE
17 FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTION TO WHAT'S HAPPENING. IN TERMS OF
18 FUNDAMENTALS, INDIVIDUALS OF THE COMMUNITY NEED TO FIND WAYS
19 TO SAVE MONEY. THIS CAN BE SPARKED EASIER WITH COMMUNITY
20 POOLING OF ASSETS WHICH IS ONE DEGREE REMOVED FROM THE
21 TRADITIONAL CAPITAL MARKETS. COOPERATIVE STATE LAWS EVOLVED
22 AROUND SUCH FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS IN THE PAST AS WORKERS BEGAN
23 STARTING THEIR OWN PRODUCTION COMPANIES AS A RESULT OF
24 FACTORY-RELATED UNION BIG BOSSES REFUSING TO CHANGE OR BEING
25 UNABLE TO CHANGE A MACROECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT FROM THE TOP DOWN

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1 VIA THE TRICKLE DOWN EFFECT MODEL. SO THE FOCUS IS ON

2 QUALITATIVE STATISTICS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOLD ON ONE SECOND. ERIC PREVEN AND
5 ARNOLD SACHS. AND GENEVIEVE, IS SHE HERE, AS WELL? OKAY. YES.

6

7 **E.T. SNELL:** DON'T START MY TIME, I HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED
8 TALKING. YOU KNOW THIS IS FREEDOM OF SPEECH. HILDA, GLAD YOU
9 MADE IT HERE, FINALLY. FOSTER CARE. FROM 13 TO 22 I SPENT 7
10 YEARS UNDER JUDICIAL CONTROL SO I SPEAK AS A PERSON THAT HAS
11 BEEN THROUGH IT. MY FATHER BEFORE ME WAS IN FOSTER CARE. SAME
12 THINGS. YESTERDAY WAS THE KICKOFF FOR THE SAN BERNADINO COUNTY
13 8. THAT WAS ON DECEMBER 8TH. WE'RE DOING 8 JUDGES AT THE KIDDY
14 COURTS OVER THERE. AND WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THESE KIDDY
15 COURTS, THEY'RE NOT ABIDING BY THE LAW. I GOT YOUR LEGISLATION
16 UP THERE FROM THE ESTEEMED L. WALLACE PATE. SPOKE BACK IN THE
17 '90S. SHE SURE GOT MY EAR WHEN SHE TALKED ABOUT THREE AND
18 FIVE-YEAR-OLDS WITH VAGINAL GONORRHEA AND THE COUNTY WAS
19 DENYING IT WAS HAPPENING. SO WHAT WE'VE GOT IS A POLITICAL PIG
20 TROUGH, OINK, OINK. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GUYS NEED TO SPEAK
21 TO WAKE UP ON THIS FOSTER CARE ISSUE. YOU GUYS ARE EITHER ALL
22 PEDOPHILES OR YOU ARE ALL HOMOSEXUAL PEDOPHILES. ONE WAY OR
23 THE OTHER, YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN ALLOWING THIS CRAP TO HAPPEN
24 SINCE THE 1990S AND IT HASN'T GOT BETTER. NOW WE GOT H.R.-4980
25 WHICH GIVES ANOTHER \$15,000 TO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO ADOPT. SO,

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1 FOR EXAMPLE, WE'RE MARRIED AND A GAY COUPLE, WE GET \$15,000
2 FOR ADOPTING A CHILD, HOPEFULLY ON PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION.
3 WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT PICTURE? YOU GOT 56 PERCENT OF THE
4 CHILDREN, YOU KNOW YOU GUYS NEED TO WAKE UP. THERE'S ONE THING
5 THAT WE NEED TO DO. AND IT'S CALLED AN AUDIT. CAN I GET SOME
6 MAYBE YOU GUYS CAN RESONATE THIS? AUDIT, AUDIT. CAN WE GET
7 SOME CHEER LEADERS BACK THERE? AUDIT, AUDIT, AUDIT, AUDIT
8 AUDIT, AUDIT. IT'S C.P.S. AND UNTIL THAT HAPPENS, THE
9 POLITICAL PIG TROUGH AND THE POLITICAL PEDOPHILIA LITTLE PIGGY
10 BISCUITS YOU GIVE. YOU KNOW I SAT IN THE COURTHOUSE YESTERDAY
11 TAKING NAMES FOR PEOPLE ON THE SIGNATURE AND I WILL HAVE IT AT
12 THE BACK FOR THE 8 JUDGES AT THE ED EDELMAN COURT AND THEN I'M
13 GOING TO THE SUPREME COURT AND I'M GOING TO FILE ON THE 12TH
14 AND I'LL DO FOUR MORE OF THOSE JUDGES. YOU SAY YOU'RE
15 INTERESTED, SHEILA. FIRST THING IS TO GET RID OF THE UNIONS
16 OUT OF HERE BECAUSE EVERYBODY COMES UP, 'I WANT MORE MONEY',
17 GREEDY, GREEDY. AND THE CHILDREN ARE -- YOU DON'T EVEN -- I
18 WISH THE CHILDREN, I MEAN I'M LOST FOR WORDS, I WISH THE
19 CHILDREN STOOD HALF A CHANCE YOU DO AS YOUR ANIMAL CONTROL,
20 MR. ANTONOVICH. AND I HAVE NEVER, EVER, EVER SEEN A CHILD IN
21 COUNTY FOSTER CARE RECEIVE A GIFT AT CHRISTMASTIME. AND THIS
22 IS BACK TO THE '30S. YOU GUYS HAVE THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN UNDER
23 YOUR CONTROL AND YOU DON'T GIVE THEM A DOGGY BISCUIT. THAT'S
24 PATHETIC. THAT'S INSANE. AND YOU KNOW YOU GUYS NEED TO CHANGE.
25 YOU NEED TO HELP ME SUPPORT BY TAKING THESE JUDGES OUT IN

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1 THESE KIDDY COURTS. SO I'VE GOT THE PETITION. YOU GOT
2 LEGISLATION IN FRONT OF YOU FROM L. WALLACE PATE TO KNOCK OFF
3 80 PERCENT OF THEM. ONLY 10 PERCENT OF THE CHILDREN ARE
4 PHYSICALLY ABUSED.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. I'M SORRY THAT YOU WERE NOT
7 ABLE TO BE AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN THIS PAST SATURDAY WHEN WE DID
8 HAVE A GIFT TOY WITH OUR FOSTER CHILDREN. BUT THANK YOU,
9 ANYWAY.

10

11 **E.T. SNELL:** PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GENEVIEVE?

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I GUESS IT'S NOT A GOOD MORNING WHEN
16 YOU SEE THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR IN PUBLIC. I THINK A LITTLE BIT
17 OF CIVILITY WITH A LOT MORE PARTICIPATION AND WORKING
18 TOGETHER. ON THE ITEM NO. 2, ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE THAT
19 SEPARATELY? OKAY, I WILL GO TO 3. I AM VERY OPEN TO HAVE
20 COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND SO ON. AND I THINK TO HAVE MANY PEOPLE
21 INVOLVED AND HAVE MORE TRANSPARENCY IN HIRING OF HIGH LEVEL
22 EXECUTIVE WOULD BE VERY WELL TAKEN. ON M.L.K., THE PARKING
23 STRUCTURE, I AM WITHOUT WORDS. I DON'T KNOW WHICH COUNTRY IT
24 COST \$44 MILLION TO DO A PARKING LOT. YOU KNOW, I'M BAFFLED.
25 BECAUSE I HAVE ASKED A LOT OF ARCHITECTURAL PEOPLE AND SO ON.

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1 AND THAT'S A NUMBER THAT IS EXTREMELY WAY ABOVE THE BOARD. AND
2 AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE, BECAUSE YOU HAVE SO MANY CHANGE IN
3 WORKLOAD OF THAT NEW M.L.K. WHICH IS NEVER GOING TO BE NEW
4 M.L.K. BECAUSE WE HAD EXECUTED 240 CONSTRUCTION CHANGE. THAT'S
5 UNBELIEVABLE. 240, AND BECAUSE OF THAT LITTLE FAUX PAS, WE
6 HAVE NOW TO PAY 51 MILLION MORE. THAT'S PRETTY DARN SCARY. SO
7 I WILL BE VERY INTERESTED AND I HAVE BEEN FOREVER OF AN AUDIT
8 WHERE THE 300 SOME MILLION WE HAVE GIVEN THIS YEAR FOR M.L.K.
9 BECAUSE WHERE IS IT GOING? BECAUSE EVERY OTHER WEEK THEY COME
10 BACK WITH SOMETHING ELSE. THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE. I WILL COME
11 BACK HERE EVERY SINGLE TIME UNTIL THAT THING IS SOLVED.
12 EVENTUALLY IT WILL HAPPEN. EVENTUALLY PEOPLE LISTEN FOR
13 WATERGATE. PEOPLE LISTEN FOR COLISEUM. THEY WOULD LISTEN FOR
14 M.L.K. AND I HAVE ALL THE DOCUMENTS, I'D BE GLAD TO SHARE. AND
15 THEN WE HAVE ITEM 38 AND 39. THESE REPRESENT FOUR CASE OF
16 SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE. ACTUALLY
17 ALTOGETHER IT WAS FOUR SEXUAL HARASSMENT. AND THE THING THAT'S
18 EVEN WORSE IS THERE WERE MANY FIRED BECAUSE WONDERFUL DR. KATZ
19 DEPARTMENT DO NOTHING ABOUT IT. AND THEY DO NOTHING TO PREVENT
20 SEXUAL HARASSMENT. I WILL HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU GO BACK TO SAN
21 FRANCISCO AND LOOK AT THE BACKGROUND OF DR. KATZ. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN? MR. SACHS?

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS AND I
2 DID HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS. I DID HOLD ITEM NO. 1. I'M CONCERNED
3 ABOUT YOUR APPOINTMENT OF JACKIE BACHARACH, NOT THAT SHE'S
4 DOING A GOOD JOB. BUT SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH BAY
5 COUNCIL OF GOVERNANCE. AND ONE OF THEIR PLATFORMS WAS TO PUSH
6 FOR THE GREEN LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BACK IN 2007 AND
7 2008 BEFORE THE VOTES FOR MEASURE R WAS INITIATED FOR ALL THE
8 METRO PROJECTS. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THAT CONSTRUCTION
9 AUTHORITY? YOU KNOW, YOU NEEDED A CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY TO GO
10 NORTH FROM THE AVIATION STATION TO THE AIRPORT. AND NOW YOU
11 HAVE THE CRENSHAW LINE WHICH IS COMING SOUTH, SAME ROAD.
12 AVIATION BOULEVARD. WITHOUT A CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. HOW DID
13 THAT HAPPEN? WHY WOULD YOU HAVE SOMEBODY SUPPORT LEGISLATION?
14 AS A MATTER OF FACT, MISS KUEHL, YOU WERE IN STATE SENATE,
15 STATE LEGISLATION WHERE MAYBE THAT BILL CAME AROUND BUT IT
16 WASN'T VOTED ON. WHY WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL THAT'S NOT
17 NECESSARY? WHY WOULD YOU SPEND 13 CENTS? METRO'S GOT MONEY.
18 NO, METRO DOESN'T HAVE MONEY. BECAUSE THEY'VE ALREADY RAISED
19 THE FARES. AND THEY TALK ABOUT THIS AND THAT. SO WHY WOULD YOU
20 SUPPORT PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT USELESS LEGISLATION? THEN I HELD
21 ITEM NO. 1-P AND 4 NOW THAT THE PARKS AND SPACE INITIATIVE HAS
22 BEEN DEFEATED. DON'T YOU THINK YOU OUGHT TO AGENDIZE,
23 SHOULDN'T THAT BE A MAJOR PLATFORM. YOU WILL RUN OUT OF MONEY
24 FROM THE ASSESSMENT IN TWO YEARS. DON'T YOU THINK YOU OUGHT TO
25 FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR ALL THAT MONEY? AND WHY ISN'T PARKING

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1 SPACE MONEY BEING USED FOR THE BASEBALL FIELDS IN BALDWIN
2 PARK? IT WAS USED FOR GOLF COURSES IN THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. WHY
3 ISN'T IT BEING USED FOR THE BASEBALL FIELDS? I HELD ITEM NO.
4 23. IT REFERS TO A 60-YEAR LEASE FOR A HOTEL OR MOTEL IN
5 MARINA DEL REY. BUT ABOUT TWO OR THREE WEEKS AGO YOU HAD A
6 MASTER PLAN FOR MARINA DEL REY, SUPERVISOR KNABE, THAT WAS
7 ONLY 10 OR 15 YEARS OLD. IT LASTS FOR 10 OR 15 YEARS. YOU HAVE
8 A 60 YEAR LEASE FOR A HOTEL BUT A MASTER PLAN FOR 15 YEARS.
9 THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. AND BY THE WAY SPEAKING OF MASTER
10 PLANS WHERE WAS THE COUNTY WHEN LAX DID THE \$250 MILLION
11 MASTER PLAN IN 2006? MISSED THAT HAD BOAT. I HELD ITEM ITEM 34
12 AND 43-C. 43-C REFERS TO DUE DILIGENCE ON A PROPERTY SALE,
13 1977 SATURN STREET. ARE YOU DOING DUE DILIGENCE ON A PIPELINE
14 AND A TRESTLE FROM AN ENERGY CORPORATION? I REMEMBER WHEN WE
15 HAD THE ENERGY CRISIS AND THE STATE BAILED OUT SOUTHERN
16 CALIFORNIA EDISON BY BUYING HIGH POWERED TRANSMISSION LINES.
17 THEN I HELD ITEM CS-4 AND 43-A, SACHI HAMAI FOR THE DEPARTMENT
18 HEAD. AND YET YOU DON'T WANT DEPARTMENT HEADS TO BE CONSIDERED
19 FOR THE POSITIONS. AND YET BACK HERE ON ITEM 28 OF NOVEMBER
20 12TH IT MENTIONS "CHANGING THE CERTAIN CLASSIFICATION FOR
21 DEPARTMENTS, ANIMAL CARE, CONTROL, BEACHES AND HARBORS AND
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS." SO SHE'S A DEPARTMENT HEAD BUT YOU
23 DIDN'T WANT DEPARTMENT HEADS BEING CONSIDERED BECAUSE IT GAVE
24 THEM AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE FOR OTHER PEOPLE APPLYING FOR THE
25 C.E.O.'S POSITION. SO WHICH IS IT?

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TIME IS UP.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT'S WHAT I WAS WAITING FOR.

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6 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** MR. MAYOR, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF ITEMS
7 BEFORE YOU. THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE SD-1, 1-D, 1-P, 1, 3, 4,
8 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 34, 38, 39 AND 43-A. THOSE
9 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SOLIS. I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT
12 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO.?

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14 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** 2.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
17 WHO SIGNED UP, WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT TESTIMONY TO ONE MINUTE
18 EACH. DO WE HAVE A PRESENTATION? SUPERVISOR MARK?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. I'D LIKE
21 TO CALL, WITH YOUR CONSENT, ITEM NO. 2 FORWARD THAT PERTAINS
22 TO THE INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FOR THE LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE
24 ARE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. SO LET ME JUST MAKE THE
25 FOLLOWING COMMENTS ABOUT THIS. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT I

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1 FIRST BROUGHT THIS MOTION FORWARD APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO
2 PURSUANT TO THE WORK OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL
3 VIOLENCE. AND THE OBJECTIVE THEN WAS ESSENTIALLY TO MAKE IT
4 CLEAR THAT IF WE WERE TO HAVE REAL REFORM IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
5 ANGELES, IT WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO ELEMENTS, ONE BEING THE
6 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND, TWO, AN OVERSIGHT ENTITY, AN
7 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION, DETAILS AT THAT TIME TO BE WORKED OUT
8 IN BOTH INSTANCES. SINCE THAT TIME, CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE NOT
9 GOTTEN SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER WITH THE ONE EXCEPTION OF -- OR
10 TWO EXCEPTIONS, LEADERSHIP OF INTERIM SHERIFF JOHN SCOTT WHO
11 SOUGHT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE REFORMS THAT HE COULD HANDLE
12 UNDER HIS SUPERVISION AND JURISDICTION FOR THE 11 OR SO MONTHS
13 THAT HE SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY AND NOW WITH THE ELECTION OF A
14 NEW SHERIFF THAT IS JIM MCDONNELL WHO IS REFORM-MINDED IN THE
15 SENSE THAT HE HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF
16 IMPLEMENTING AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION. POSITIVE STEPS. IT
17 SHOULD BE APPRECIATED OVER THE TWO YEARS THAT THE U.S.
18 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY INVOLVED IN THE
19 BUSINESS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HAVE LED TO
20 SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IN TERMS OF PROSECUTIONS SOME OF OUR
21 DEPUTIES, NOTHING ABOUT WHICH WE ARE IN PROUD, BUT IN TERMS OF
22 THE WORK OF JUSTICE BEING DONE, THAT WAS DEEMED NECESSARY.
23 ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY WITH RESPECT TO A
24 CONSENT DECREE THAT EFFECTIVELY DEALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH
25 ISSUES IN OUR JAILS. ALL OF THIS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. A

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1 POSITIVE STEP ALSO IN THIS REGARD. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
2 FOCUS ON THE ISSUE OF DIVERSION. DEVELOPING A POLICY IN
3 COLLABORATION WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SIGNIFICANTLY
4 ENOUGH TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, A
5 DEVELOPMENT OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE OF
6 CONSEQUENCE AND FINALLY IT SHOULD BE APPRECIATED THE ADOPTION
7 BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NO SMALL PART ON THE
8 PART OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH THE
9 ADOPTION OF PROPOSITION 47. ALL OF THESE ARE VERY, VERY
10 IMPORTANT MATTERS THAT DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF REFORM,
11 OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY. I THINK THE LARGER DISCUSSION ON
12 A NATIONAL LEVEL IS MATERIAL. WHAT TIME IN THE HISTORY OF OUR
13 NATION SHOULD THERE BE A CLEAR SIGNAL FROM THE LARGEST COUNTY
14 IN THE NATION WITH RESPECT TO REFORM, OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY
15 AND ACCOUNTABILITY? CERTAINLY OUR NEW SHERIFF GETS THAT. AND
16 IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WE SHOULD GET IT, AS WELL. EVERY DAY
17 OF THE WEEK WE HEAR OF SOMETHING INVOLVING LAW ENFORCEMENT
18 THAT CAUSES US TO BE MOST CONCERNED, AND APPROPRIATELY SO. THE
19 TERM 'FERGUSON' HAS TAKEN ON SIGNIFICANCE IN OUR MIND WITH
20 RESPECT TO WHAT'S NEEDED IN A VERY FUNDAMENTAL WAY TO CORRECT.
21 AND IT'S SYSTEMIC IN NATURE. THINK ABOUT IT. AND I CERTAINLY
22 BELIEVE THAT IF LOS ANGELES SEEKS TO CONTINUE A PATH OF
23 DISTINGUISHING ITSELF, THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO MOVE
24 FORWARD WITH THE MATTER OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION. I WANT TO
25 EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE IT THEIR

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1 BUSINESS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS SINCE THE REPORT OF THE
2 CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT
3 THE COMMISSION OUGHT TO BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY, THAT CIVILIAN
4 INVOLVEMENT OVERSIGHT IS TO BE VALUED AND CAN BE A SIGNIFICANT
5 HELP TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT IS ALL ABOUT
6 ACCOUNTABILITY AND EQUALLY THAT OF SUPPORT FOR EFFECTIVE
7 CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I
8 BELIEVE THAT THE MOTION IS CLEAR. IT DOES NOT PRESCRIBE WHAT A
9 COMMISSION OUGHT TO LOOK LIKE; RATHER, IT DECLARES THAT THERE
10 WILL BE A COMMISSION AND IT DELEGATES THE TASK TO A WORKING
11 GROUP TO FIGURE OUT IN SOME DETAIL WHAT THAT WILL BE, BRING IT
12 BACK TO THE BOARD AND FOR OUR ULTIMATE DISPOSITION, MR. MAYOR
13 AND COLLEAGUES. I CALL THAT PROGRESS. AND I WOULD SIMPLY SAY
14 THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU VERY
15 KINDLY. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
18 THEN I HAVE SOME COMMENTS. BUT LET ME CALL UP AFTER SHE SPEAKS
19 RICHARD DROOYAN, MAX HUNTSMAN, AND NEAL TYLER. SUPERVISOR?

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO JOIN
22 IN AND ECHO THESE STATEMENTS BY MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR MARK
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS. FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS, THE COUNTY CITIZENS
24 HAVE CALLED FOR A CREATION OF THE CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT
25 COMMISSION. AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DELAY ANY LONGER. ACROSS

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1 THIS COUNTRY, THE PUBLIC TRUST IN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CHARGED
2 WITH KEEPING US SAFE HAS FALLEN TO A LOW. THE PEOPLE OF LOS
3 ANGELES HAVE DEMANDED A NEW DAY BY ELECTING A NEW SHERIFF WHO
4 SUPPORTS AN INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BODY THAT HE HAS
5 CALLED "BEST PRACTICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT." UNDER THE NEW
6 LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE A CHANCE TO RESTORE THE TRUST IN THE
7 COUNTY. THIS IS NOT JUST A MORALLY RIGHT ANSWER, IT IS
8 FISCALLY PRUDENT. TAXPAYER MONEY SPENT DEFENDING LAWSUITS IS
9 MONEY THAT CAN'T GO TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OUR CONSTITUENTS
10 WHETHER IT'S HEALTH CARE, HOUSING AND OTHER NEEDS THAT THEY
11 HAVE. IT'S ALSO A SMART POLICY. IN THE POLICY, AT LEAST THREE
12 BODIES OVERSAW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. YET, DO YOU KNOW HOW
13 MANY OF THEM SYSTEMATICALLY REVIEWED USE OF FORCE STATISTICS?
14 NONE. WE NEED A SINGLE CENTRALIZED BODY WITH A CLEAR MANDATE
15 TO CUT THROUGH THIS CONFUSION AND INDEPENDENTLY MONITOR LAW
16 ENFORCEMENT. SOME CRITICS SAY THAT THE BOARD IS POWERLESS TO
17 DO THIS. THAT'S JUST NOT TRUE. JUST AS IT DID, THE BOARD CAN
18 GIVE THE COMMISSION THE POWER TO REVIEW DOCUMENTS, CONDUCT
19 INVESTIGATIONS AND REQUEST THAT THE SHERIFF APPEAR AND RESPOND
20 TO CITIZENS' CONCERNS. BUT WE HAVE TO DO IT THE RIGHT WAY. WE
21 NEED TO HEAR FROM EXPERTS AND FROM A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY
22 STAKEHOLDERS. THAT IS WHAT I HEARD IN THE LAST TWO YEARS WHILE
23 I WAS OUT CAMPAIGNING. THAT'S WHY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
24 I HAVE PROPOSED A WORKING GROUP TO SEEK INPUT FROM THOSE
25 STAKEHOLDERS AND REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD IN 90 DAYS. I HAVE

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1 THE UTMOST SUPPORT FOR THOSE THAT WEAR OUR UNIFORMS. I DO. AND
2 I UNDERSTAND THEIR ROLE. AND WE WANT TO WORK TOGETHER AS A
3 TEAM. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THIS BOARD AND WITH
4 THE NEW SHERIFF TO SEE HOW WE CAN MOVE AHEAD AND BRING AND
5 RESTORE THAT TRUST BACK TO THE COUNTY WHERE WE KNOW IT TRULY
6 BELONGS. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL? WE DON'T ALLOW
9 APPLAUSE. IF YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, PLEASE WAVE YOUR
10 HANDS, PLEASE. SUPERVISOR?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WANT TO ADD THAT I ALSO
13 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I BELIEVE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF
14 DISCUSSION ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT
15 COMMISSION. BUT THE QUESTION OF EFFECTIVENESS, I THINK, CAN BE
16 DIVIDED INTO A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CATEGORIES. THE FIRST
17 REALLY RELATES TO PUBLIC TRUST. THE PUBLIC REALLY DOESN'T FEEL
18 THAT THEY KNOW OR KNEW IN TIME WHAT WAS GOING ON AND WOULD
19 HAVE LIKED TO KNOW. WOULD THEY DO A LOT ABOUT IT? ONE DOESN'T
20 KNOW. BUT I THINK IN AMERICA THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR US
21 IS NOT JUST THE ABILITY TO SPEAK BUT THE ABILITY TO HEAR
22 OTHERS SPEAK AND THEREFORE KNOW WHAT WHAT'S GOING ON. IT'S A
23 PROTECTION I BELIEVE FOR OUR SWORN OFFICERS. I BELIEVE IT'S A
24 PROTECTION FOR OUR INMATES. AND I BELIEVE IT'S A PROTECTION
25 FOR ALL THE FAMILIES OF BOTH AND MEMBERS WHO JUST RESIDE IN

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1 OUR COUNTY. I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S DUPLICATIVE TO HAVE A
2 CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. IT CERTAINLY HAS SHOWN TO BE
3 EFFECTIVE IN OTHER COUNTIES AND IN OUR MUNICIPALITIES SIMPLY
4 IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THOSE WHO DO HAVE POWER TO MAKE
5 CHANGE, WHICH COULD BE THE FIVE PEOPLE SITTING ON THIS DAIS.
6 THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO GAIN THE INFORMATION,
7 THAT WE WILL HAVE THE ABILITY, FIRST OF ALL, TO HEAR A REPORT
8 BACK ABOUT THE STRUCTURE, THE POWERS AND THE PROPOSED
9 MEMBERSHIP, I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. AND I'M HAPPY TO
10 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, YOU KNOW I HAVE OPPOSED THE
13 COMMISSION. I HAVE NO PROBLEMS IN SUPPORTING THE WORKING
14 COMMITTEE TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT WE DID HAVE SOME. DARKEST DAYS
15 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECENT EXPERIENCE AS A RESULT OF
16 CONDUCT DURING A TIME WHEN IT HAD THE MOST AMOUNT OF EXTERNAL
17 OVERSIGHT. AFTER THE 1992 KOLTS REPORT FOCUSED ON EXCESSIVE
18 FORCE, COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND CITIZENS COMPLAINTS, THE BOARD
19 HIRED MERRICK BOBB AS A SPECIAL COUNSEL, TO TRACK THESE ISSUES
20 AND PRODUCE ANNUAL REPORTS. THE OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN WAS ALSO
21 CREATED BY THE BOARD TO VET AND HEAR CITIZENS AND INMATE
22 COMPLAINTS. LATER THE A.C.L.U. WAS ENGAGED TO CONDUCT
23 INDEPENDENT MONITORING OF THE JAILS. IN FACT MUCH OF WHAT THEY
24 SUED FOR WAS ON THE VERY CONDUCT OF WHICH THEY WERE MONITORING
25 FOR THE COUNTY. SUBSEQUENTLY TO THAT, WE CREATED THE OFFICE OF

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1 AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW, O.I.R. WHICH WAS COMPRISED OF A GROUP
2 OF ATTORNEYS TO PROVIDE A SECOND SET OF EYES TO THE
3 DEPARTMENT'S ETERNAL INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED POTENTIAL
4 MISCONDUCT. ALL THE MONITORING, REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT DID
5 NOT PREVENT THE ISSUES THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS PRESENTLY
6 CONFRONTING. EVEN IN CASES WHERE THESE WATCHDOG AGENCIES MADE
7 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REFORM, THE DEPARTMENT DID NOT ALWAYS
8 FOLLOW THROUGH ON THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE CITIZENS
9 COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE STATED THE FOLLOWING ON THE
10 MATTER, I'LL QUOTE, "TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS AN EFFECTIVE
11 MECHANISM FOR OVERSEEING THE DEPARTMENT, THE COMMISSION
12 RECOMMENDS THE FORMATION OF A SINGLE WATCHDOG ENTITY THAT
13 WOULD STREAMLINE AND STRENGTHEN CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. THIS
14 CENTRALIZED BODY WOULD ASSUME AND CONSOLIDATE ALL OF THE
15 EXISTING IMPORTANT OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS OF SPECIAL COUNSEL,
16 O.I.R. AND THE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE AND UTILIZE THEIR EXISTING
17 EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEPARTMENT. IT WOULD ALSO
18 MONITOR CONDITIONS IN COUNTY JAILS, REVIEW USE OF FORCE
19 INVESTIGATIONS AND THE DISCIPLINARY PROCESS, CONDUCT ITS OWN
20 INVESTIGATIONS AND PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE CASES AND BOTH
21 REVIEW AND CONDUCT AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS. IT WOULD ENSURE
22 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE PUBLIC ARE KEPT INFORMED
23 OF CONDITIONS IN THE JAILS, THAT PROBLEMS ARE IDENTIFIED
24 PROMPTLY AND VISIBLY. AND THAT NECESSARY REFORMS ARE
25 IMPLEMENTED IN A TIMELY AND TRANSPARENT MANNER. FINALLY, THE

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1 SHERIFF SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO RESPOND PUBLICLY BOTH IN PERSON
2 AND IN WRITING THROUGH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS REPORT, AS
3 WELL AS THE FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOUNDED BY THE NEW
4 OVERSIGHT ENTITY AND SUBMIT REGULAR REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL OF THESE
6 RECOMMENDATIONS.' THAT WAS FROM THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION
7 REPORT. IN AUGUST, SEVEN MONTHS AFTER WE HIRED THE INSPECTOR
8 GENERAL, WE APPROVED AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH HIS
9 ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE AND AUTHORITY CONSISTENT WITH THE
10 C.C.J.V.'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO HAVE A SINGLE ENTITY SERVE AS
11 THAT OVERSIGHT. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL WAS HIRED BY THE BOARD,
12 REPORTS TO THE BOARD AND IS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE BOARD. TO
13 CREATE A SEPARATE BODY WOULD BE A STEP BACKWARDS AND
14 INCONSISTENT WITH THE C.C.J.V.'S RECOMMENDATION. ANOTHER
15 CONCERN OF MINE IS THAT A CIVILIAN COMMISSION WAS NOT
16 RECOMMENDED BY THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE. OF
17 THE 66 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION, 4 OF
18 THEM PERTAIN TO THE ISSUE OF OVERSIGHT. NONE OF THEM INCLUDED
19 THE CREATION OF A CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMISSION. IN FACT, THE
20 COMMISSION STATED THE FOLLOWING, QUOTING, "THE EXISTING
21 OVERSIGHT ENTITY, SPECIAL COUNSEL, O.I.R. AND THE OMBUDSMAN
22 SHOULD BE ABSORBED AND CONSOLIDATED INTO A SINGLE OFFICE OF
23 INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH
24 RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT OF THE
25 DEPARTMENT INCLUDING ITS JAIL OPERATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

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1 SYSTEM, CONDUCTING ITS OWN INVESTIGATIONS AND A LIMITED MATTER
2 OF PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE CASES, MONITORING JAIL CONDITIONS
3 AND INMATE GRIEVANCES AND REVIEWING THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNAL
4 AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS." THE REPORT ALSO SAID, TO QUOTE, "THE
5 COMMISSION CONSIDERED WHETHER THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
6 SHOULD BE UNDER AN INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN COMMISSION, BUT
7 CONCLUDED THAT THIS WAS NOT NECESSARY AS LONG AS THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS REMAIN ENGAGED IN OVERSIGHT OF THE JAILS. THE
9 COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT A FULLY EMPOWERED INTEGRATED OFFICE
10 OF INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTING TO AN ENGAGED BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS CAN PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT OF
12 THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSURE THAT IT IMPLEMENTS MEANINGFUL AND
13 LASTING REFORMS.' ANOTHER REASON WHY IT DID NOT MAKE SENSE IN
14 L.A. COUNTY, WHICH WAS ALSO DETAILED IN THE JAIL COMMISSION'S
15 REPORT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE POLICE
16 COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES VERSUS THE COMMISSION
17 FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. RICHARD DROOYAN SAID IN YOUR
18 PREVIOUS STATEMENT YOU ARTICULATED THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES
19 BETWEEN THE COUNTIES AND CITY AND HOW THOSE DIFFERENCES IMPACT
20 THE FUNCTIONS, EFFECTIVENESS OF A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
21 COMMISSION. SO COULD YOU DESCRIBE WHAT ARE THOSE DIFFERENCES?
22 AND WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE IDEA OF AN INSPECTOR
23 GENERAL REPORTING TO THE COMMISSION? AND WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS
24 WOULD YOU HAVE ABOUT EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
25 COMMISSION NOT ONLY RESTORING THE PUBLIC TRUST BUT BRINGING

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1 ABOUT THE TRANSPARENCY BUT ALSO HOW IT HOLDS THE INSPECTOR
2 GENERAL ACCOUNTABLE?

3

4 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AND
5 THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD REGARDING THE
6 CREATION OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION TO PROVIDE CIVILIAN
7 OVERSIGHT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT. AS THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION
9 ON JAIL VIOLENCE, THE IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR HIRED BY THE
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MONITOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
11 IMPLEMENTATION ON THE JAIL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AND THE
12 FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE COMMISSION, I AM A
13 STRONG BELIEVER IN THE NEED FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE
14 THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO THE
15 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THEY SERVE AND PROTECT. GIVEN THE
16 STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I REMAIN OF
17 THE VIEW THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT FOR THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS THROUGH A FULLY-STAFFED AND FULLY-
19 FUNDED INSPECTOR GENERAL WITH COMPLETE ACCESS TO THE SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS AND PERSONNEL, MAKING REGULAR PUBLIC
21 REPORTS, AT LEAST QUARTERLY, TO THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
22 THIS IS THE MODEL THAT WAS ENVISIONED BY THE JAIL COMMISSION
23 IN ITS SEPTEMBER 28, 2012 REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
24 ON THE NATURE, DEPTH AND CAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS OF
25 INAPPROPRIATE DEPUTY USE OF FORCE IN THE JAILS. ONLY THE BOARD

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1 OF SUPERVISORS HAS THE DIRECT OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY UNDER
2 THE GOVERNMENT CODE. AND ONLY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS THE
3 BUDGET AUTHORITY OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THROUGH WHICH
4 IT CAN INFLUENCE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS.
5 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS
6 BEGAN WHEN THE IMMEDIATE PAST BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BECAME
7 ENGAGED IN SEEKING REFORM OF THE DEPARTMENT IN OCTOBER 2011.
8 AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE JAIL
9 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGH REGULAR REPORTS TO THE
10 BOARD BEGINNING IN JANUARY OF 2013. WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
11 THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND INSPECTOR GENERAL MAX
12 HUNTSMAN IS TO MY RIGHT. THERE'S NOW AN ENTITY IN THE COUNTY
13 THAT SHOULD HAVE THE RESOURCES AND STAFF TO MONITOR, OVERSEE
14 AND PUBLICLY REPORT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS. AND
15 IN MY JUDGMENT TO EFFECT SYSTEMIC CHANGES IN THOSE OPERATIONS
16 AS NECESSARY. A NEWLY CREATED COUNTY CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
17 COMMISSION WITH NO AUTHORITY OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WITH
18 NO SUBPOENA POWER AND LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE BROWN ACT
19 WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONDUCT ITS OWN INVESTIGATIONS. I'M
20 CONCERNED THAT IT MAY NOT BE EFFECTIVE IN MONITORING THE
21 DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS AND THAT IT WILL CREATE EXPECTATIONS
22 AMONG THE PUBLIC THAT CANNOT BE MET. FURTHER, IF THE INSPECTOR
23 GENERAL ANSWERS TO THE COMMISSION AND MAKES REPORTS TO THE
24 COMMISSION RATHER THAN THE BOARD, THE CREATION OF A COMMISSION
25 WILL DILUTE THIS BOARD'S ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS, WHICH HAS THE LARGEST BUDGET IN THE
2 COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND. THIS COULD ALSO EFFECTIVELY DELEGATE TO
3 THE COMMISSION THIS BOARD'S OVERSIGHT OF THE OFFICE OF
4 INSPECTOR GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT THE O.I.G. IS MEETING THE
5 BOARD'S EXPECTATIONS AND THAT IT IS EFFECTIVELY MONITORING THE
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS. THE COUNTY STRUCTURE IS
7 UNLIKE THE STRUCTURE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WHERE THE CITY
8 CHARTER VESTS THE POLICE COMMISSION WITH THE AUTHORITY OVER
9 ALL OF THE OPERATIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
10 EXCEPT FOR DISCIPLINE. AND THERE IS DIRECT ACCOUNTABILITY FROM
11 THE DEPARTMENT TO THE COMMISSION AND TO THE MAYOR WHO APPOINTS
12 THE CHIEF. THE CITY POLICE COMMISSION ALSO ANNUALLY REVIEWS
13 THE POLICE CHIEF, HAS THE FINAL SAY SO OVER WHETHER POLICE
14 SHOOTINGS AND OTHER CATEGORICAL USES OF FORCE ARE WITHIN
15 POLICY AND HAS A FULLY STAFFED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AND
16 ITS OWN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO HELP ENSURE THAT THE POLICE
17 DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIVE TO AND FOLLOWS UP THE POLICE
18 COMMISSION'S DIRECTIVES. THE POLICE COMMISSION ALSO MEETS
19 ALMOST EVERY WEEK AND RECEIVES REPORTS THAT IT REQUIRES FROM
20 THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATION. I
21 RECOGNIZE THAT THIS BOARD'S MOTION WOULD ESTABLISH A WORKING
22 GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE OVERSIGHT
23 COMMISSION'S MISSION, AUTHORITY, SIZE, STRUCTURE, RELATIONSHIP
24 TO THE SHERIFF AND TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND APPOINTMENT
25 OPERATIONS. BUT ULTIMATELY WHATEVER THAT WORKING GROUP COMES

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1 UP WITH, A COUNTY CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WOULD NOT HAVE
2 ANY AUTHORITY OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR THE SHERIFF,
3 WHO IS AN INDEPENDENTLY ELECTED OFFICIAL UNDER THE CALIFORNIA
4 CONSTITUTION. THE SHERIFF WOULD HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE
5 A CIVILIAN COMMISSION WITH ITS INVESTIGATION OF SHOOTINGS AND
6 OTHER CATEGORICAL USES OF FORCE. AND THIS IS A MAJOR CONCERN:
7 COULD BE MORE RELUCTANT TO SHARE INVESTIGATIVE AND
8 DISCIPLINARY RECORDS PROTECTED UNDER THE PEACE OFFICER'S BILL
9 OF RIGHTS WITH A MULTIMEMBER PART-TIME CIVILIAN COMMISSION
10 THAN IT WOULD BE TO SHARE SUCH RECORDS WITH AN INSPECTOR
11 GENERAL WHO IS A FULL-TIME COUNTY EMPLOYEE. AND LET ME SAY
12 WITHOUT ACCESS TO RECORDS AND PARTICULARLY INVESTIGATIVE AND
13 DISCIPLINARY RECORDS, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF CIVILIAN
14 OVERSIGHT MODEL THIS COUNTY HAS; IT'S NOT GOING TO BE
15 EFFECTIVE, WHETHER IT'S THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION OR
16 WHETHER IT'S AN INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THAT
17 BOARD. THAT ACCESS AND YOU'LL HEAR FROM MR. HUNTSMAN IS
18 ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL. AT A MINIMUM, I BELIEVE THAT THIS BOARD
19 SHOULD WAIT BEFORE ESTABLISHING A CIVILIAN COMMISSION UNTIL
20 AFTER IT HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
21 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE AND AFTER IT HAS RECEIVED
22 SEVERAL PUBLIC REPORTS DIRECTLY FROM THAT OFFICE AND RESPONSES
23 DIRECTLY FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS BOARD THEN CAN
24 CREATE A COMMISSION IN THE FUTURE IF IT CONCLUDES THAT AN
25 ADDITIONAL LAYER OF OVERSIGHT IS NECESSARY. BUT IT WILL BE OF

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1 MORE DIFFICULT TO ELIMINATE OR DROP A COMMISSION IF IT
2 CONCLUDES THAT THE COMMISSION IS INEFFECTIVE OR NOT NECESSARY.
3 I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD RATHER THAN APPROVING THE CREATION
4 OF A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AT THIS TIME JUST ESTABLISH
5 THE WORKING GROUP TO REPORT BACK ON THE FEASIBILITY OF
6 CREATING AN EFFECTIVE CIVILIAN COMMISSION AND HOW IT WOULD
7 OPERATE. AND LET ME ALSO ANSWER A COUPLE OF THE ADDITIONAL
8 QUESTIONS THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH POSED. AND THAT IS MY
9 RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT HOW THIS BOARD CAN EVALUATE THE
10 EFFECTIVENESS OF A COMMISSION IF IT'S CREATED, NOT ONLY IN
11 RESTORING PUBLIC TRUST BUT ALSO IN BRINGING ABOUT TRANSPARENCY
12 AND HOW IT WOULD HOLD THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ACCOUNT ABLE WITH
13 THE ADDITIONAL LAYER OF A COMMISSION. I THINK THE BOARD WOULD
14 NEED TO LOOK AND ASSESS WHAT KIND OF SYSTEMIC ISSUES HAS THE
15 CIVILIAN COMMISSION IDENTIFIED AND EVALUATED IN AREAS SUCH AS
16 MANAGEMENT, TRAINING, SUPERVISION, AUDITING, INVESTIGATIONS
17 AND DISCIPLINE. THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO LOOK AT HOW THE
18 COMMISSION HAS EVALUATED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT
19 TO USE OF FORCE, TYPES OF INCIDENTS, TRENDS, REPORTING.
20 DEALING WITH MENTALLY ILL INMATES, SUICIDES, MENTAL TREATMENT,
21 USE OF FORCE AND HOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OR HOW THE
22 COMMISSION EVALUATES THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S HANDLING OF
23 DISHONESTY AND FALSE STATEMENTS. ANOTHER THING THAT THIS BOARD
24 SHOULD DO WOULD BE TO LOOK AT WHAT HAS THE COMMISSION DONE TO
25 ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONTINUED TO ADHERE TO THE JAIL

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1 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS? AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS
2 IMPLEMENTED ANY ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MAY BE
3 REQUIRED AS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ROW HOUSE LITIGATION
4 AND ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OVER THE
5 TREATMENT OF INMATES WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES. ANOTHER AREA THAT
6 THE BOARD SHOULD LOOK AT. WHAT HAS THE COMMISSION DONE TO
7 EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND THOROUGHNESS OF THE INSPECTOR
8 GENERAL'S MONITORING OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE IMPLEMENTATION
9 OF REFORMS AND ADHERES TO THESE VARIOUS REFORMS? DOES THE
10 CIVILIAN COMMISSION THAT WOULD BE PROPOSED REGULARLY RECEIVE
11 FROM THE REPORTS FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL? DOES IT
12 CRITICALLY EVALUATE THOSE REPORTS? DOES IT REQUIRE THE
13 INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP REPORTS? I
14 WOULD ASSESS THE COMMISSION IN TERMS OF WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS
15 HAS THE COMMISSION MADE FOR ADDITIONAL REFORMS AND
16 IMPROVEMENTS? AND FINALLY IF I WERE ON THE BOARD, I WOULD LOOK
17 AT WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DOES THE COMMISSION HAVE WITH THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT? IS IT SUFFICIENTLY INDEPENDENT AND
19 EFFECTIVE? AND DOES IT HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE OR ADVERSARIAL
20 RELATIONSHIP? IF IS IT IS CREATED, THAT WOULD BE WHAT I WOULD
21 LOOK AT AS A BOARD TO TRY TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
22 THAT COMMISSION. THANK YOU. AND I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
23 QUESTIONS THAT ANYBODY MIGHT HAVE.
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK MR. HUNTSMAN. INITIALLY
2 IT'S BEEN DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE I.G.'S OFFICE HAVING
3 ACCESS TO INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE BUT ALSO AS TRANSPARENT AS
4 POSSIBLE. THE QUESTION IS: IS THIS ISSUE OF ACCESS NOW WORKING
5 FOR YOU? WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE
6 BOARD VERSUS REPORTING TO A CIVILIAN COMMISSION?

7

8 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. THE ISSUE OF ACCESS I THINK IS
9 ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL AS MR. DROOYAN SAID. IT IS ONE OF THE
10 FUNDAMENTAL BUILDING BLOCKS UPON WHICH CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT HAS
11 TO BE BUILT. THIS BOARD FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF
12 OPEN POLICING, WHICH HAS BECOME A BEST PRACTICE AROUND THE
13 COUNTRY. IT INCLUDES COMMUNITY-BASED POLICING, IT INCLUDES
14 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY IT INCLUDES A
15 WILLINGNESS OF THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF TO SHARE INFORMATION AND
16 TO THEN RESPOND TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THAT. A FUNDAMENTAL
17 PLATFORM OF OUR NEW SHERIFF WAS THIS IDEA OF TRANSPARENCY AND
18 ACCOUNTABILITY. THE FIRST STEP IS TRANSPARENCY. AND THE
19 DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CURRENTLY POST STATISTICS REGARDING USE OF
20 FORCE, COMPLAINTS OR SHOOTINGS. IT SHOULD. WE WORKED ON A
21 REPORT THAT WE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO LOOK AT THAT WE
22 WILL ISSUE SOON RECOMMENDING THAT. BUT EVEN JUST THE PROVIDING
23 OF STATISTICS DOESN'T GIVE YOU TRANSPARENCY. I USED TO BE AN
24 ATTACK DOG. I WAS A PROSECUTOR. NOW I'VE BEEN ASKED TO BE A
25 WATCHDOG. IF YOU BUY A WATCHDOG, YOU HAVE A WATCHDOG IN YOUR

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1 FAMILY, THEY ARE ONLY WORTH IT IF THEY COME INTO YOUR HOUSE.
2 KEEP THEM IN THE BACKYARD AND THE BURGLARS CAN COME IN THE
3 FRONT DOOR. A WATCHDOG CAN'T WATCH WHAT THEY CAN'T ENTER AND
4 BE PART OF. SO TRANSPARENCY MEANS COMPLETE ACCESS TO THE
5 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. AS MR. DROOYAN TOLD YOU,
6 THERE ARE SOME LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS TO WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO
7 AND WHAT THE SHERIFF WANTS TO DO. IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THOSE,
8 WE HAVE TO USE THE TOOLS AT OUR DISPOSAL. ONE OF THOSE IS
9 COMPLETE ACCESS. WE WORKED WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
10 COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE THAT I BELIEVE WAS
11 LAWFUL. IT WAS PUT INTO PLACE IN AUGUST. IT HAS NOT BEEN
12 IMPLEMENTED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE DO NOT HAVE THE
13 ACCESS PROVIDED FOR THE ORDINANCE. UNDER THE SUPREME COURT
14 CASES ON THIS SUBJECT I THINK IT IS LAWFUL. I THINK IT
15 APPROPRIATELY PROTECTS THE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIRED BY THE
16 PEACE OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS. BUT THAT WILL ULTIMATELY HAVE TO
17 BE TESTED IF SOMEBODY CHALLENGES IT IN COURT. BUT IT HAS NOT
18 BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND I THINK THAT'S A CRITICAL PART OF THIS. I
19 DO NOT TELL THIS BOARD NOT TO MOVE FORWARD. THAT'S PERFECTLY
20 APPROPRIATE. BUT STEP ONE OF THAT WORKING GROUP HAS TO BE: ARE
21 WE MOVING FORWARD WITH ACCESS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR
22 GENERAL SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE A WATCHDOG ON THE INSIDE WHO CAN
23 LOOK AT THINGS EVEN IF NOT EVERYTHING THEY LEARN CAN'T BE
24 REPORTED OUT BECAUSE THE PEACE OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS PUTS
25 STRICT RESTRICTIONS ON THAT. SECOND PART IS ACCOUNTABILITY.

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1 NOW, THAT REQUIRES A COUPLE OF THINGS. SURE, IT REQUIRES THE
2 PUBLIC WEIGHING IN EITHER THROUGH THIS BOARD, THROUGH THE
3 PUBLIC DIRECTLY AS WE HAVE PEOPLE HERE SPEAKING AND WE'VE HAD
4 PROTESTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY REGARDING RECENT EVENTS AND
5 HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF. AND IT CAN ALSO MEAN A COMMISSION THAT
6 WEIGHS IN. BUT IN ORDER, AGAIN, FOR THAT COMMISSION TO BE
7 EFFECTIVE, MR. DROOYAN HAS TOLD YOU SOME SEVERE LEGAL
8 RESTRICTIONS YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU. BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IS
9 REALLY NEEDED IS THEY NEED THAT TRANSPARENCY, THEY NEED THAT
10 GOOD INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM IN SOME LEGAL WAY, AND I
11 THINK WE HAVE A PATH FORWARD FOR THAT. IF THE SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS IT. AND THEN ACCOUNTABILITY MEANS
13 THEY'VE GOT TO REPORT IT BACK. THEY'VE GOT TO SAY SOMETHING TO
14 THE SHERIFF. BUT YOU HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING OR THE PUBLIC HAS
15 TO SAY SOMETHING. AND THE SHERIFF HAS TO LISTEN AND ACT ON IT.
16 AND SHERIFF MCDONNELL HAS SAID HE WANTS TO DO THAT. HE SAID
17 GIVE ME A COMMISSION AND I'LL LISTEN. I'LL COME. LEGALLY HE
18 DOESN'T HAVE. AS MR. DROOYAN TOLD YOU. BUT IF HE COMES AND
19 SITS AT THE TABLE, IF THAT COMMISSION ISSUES RECOMMENDATIONS
20 AND HE IMPLEMENTS THEM AND THIS BOARD RECEIVES THEM AND THIS
21 BOARD RESPECTFULLY IMPLEMENTS THEM WHEN POSSIBLE, THEN YOU'RE
22 GOING TO HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY. IT BEGINS WITH ACCESS. IT
23 REQUIRES INTERACTION OF THE SHERIFF. AND THAT'S WHY I THINK IT
24 IS SO CRITICAL THAT OUR ELECTED SHERIFF STATES HIS FULL
25 SUPPORT FOR THIS CONCEPT BECAUSE HE CAN PROVIDE THE

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1 INTERACTION THAT I THINK IS CRITICAL IN ANY KIND OF CIVILIAN
2 OVERSIGHT. THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, THERE ARE LOTS OF
3 COMMISSIONS THAT HAVE LEGAL AUTHORITY AND THOSE THAT DON'T
4 HAVE MUCH LEGAL AUTHORITY. AND THAT DOESN'T REALLY CONTROL HOW
5 EFFECTIVE THEY ARE. IT'S WHETHER OR NOT WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY
6 IS WELCOMED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WHETHER OR NOT THE DEPARTMENT
7 INTERACTS WITH THEM, AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY SPEAK IN A
8 LANGUAGE THE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS. SO IF WE CAN CREATE THAT
9 FRAMEWORK GOING FORWARD, THEN I THINK WE CAN HAVE SUCCESS. IF
10 WE DO NOT, IF WE DO NOT HAVE COMPLETE ACCESS FOR THE OFFICE OF
11 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, AS THIS BOARD HAS PROVIDED FOR IN
12 ORDINANCE, AS I BELIEVE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY,
13 THEN I DON'T THINK THIS WILL SUCCEED. ALSO, IF THE SHERIFF
14 DISENGAGES, THEN THIS WON'T SUCCEED. AND IF THE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT DISENGAGES. OUR NEW SHERIFF HAS A PLAN. HE'S GOT
16 UNIVERSAL RESPECT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. HE'S GOT A MANDATE FROM
17 THE PUBLIC. AND I HOPE HE CAN BE EFFECTIVE. BUT THERE ARE
18 ALWAYS GOING TO BE THOSE FOLKS WHO ARE RESISTANT TO CHANGE AND
19 WHO HAVE OTHER AGENDAS. I HOPE THEY'RE A MINORITY AND THEY
20 DON'T HOLD SWAY. BUT THIS BOARD NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO FOCUS AS
21 YOU HEARD THE WARNING THERE THAT WE CAN'T ALLOW A COMMISSION
22 TO TAKE THE BOARD'S FOCUS AWAY. IT COULD BE A WONDERFUL
23 ADDITION. THE QUESTION OF WHO SHOULD I REPORT TO? I THINK
24 THAT'S ULTIMATELY A WORKING GROUP KIND OF WORK OUT THE
25 DETAILS. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE COMMISSION LOOKS LIKE. IT

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1 DEPENDS ON THE OTHER STRUCTURES THAT WE CREATE. I LIKE TO
2 THINK OF THE MODEL OF OUR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, THE TRIPARTITE
3 SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE A LEGISLATIVE, AN EXECUTIVE AND
4 JUDICIAL BRANCH. AND I'D LIKE TO SEE THIS BOARD THAT HAS THE
5 POWER TO MAKE THE LAW THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, THE LEGISLATIVE
6 BRANCH, I'D LIKE THE O.I.G. TO BE THE EXECUTIVE. WE GO IN
7 THERE AND DO THE DIGGING, GENERATE REPORTS AND TAKE THEM TO
8 THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, THE COMMISSION, WHICH THEN ISSUES AN
9 ADVISORY OPINION OR RECOMMENDATION IN THE WAY A JUDGE WOULD.
10 COMES BACK TO THIS BOARD AND TO THE SHERIFF. AND THEN THIS
11 BOARD AND THE SHERIFF WHO HAS THE REAL AUTHORITY HERE EITHER
12 ACCEPT IT OR THEY DON'T. AND THAT'S WHEN WE'LL FIND OUT THOSE
13 METRICS THAT MR. DROOYAN'S TALKING ABOUT, WHETHER OR NOT THEY
14 WORK. IF THE BOARD AND THE SHERIFF RESPOND, IF I CAN GET YOU
15 GOOD INFORMATION, I CAN GET IT TO THE COMMISSION AND THEY CAN
16 ANALYZE IT AND GIVE YOU INTELLIGENT RESPONSE REGARDING ON THAT
17 WITH WHAT THE PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY? AND THIS BOARD AND THE
18 SHERIFF CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN, THEN WE'LL HAVE SUCCESS. SO DOES
19 THAT MEAN I REPORT TO ONE OR THE OTHER? I DON'T KNOW. I COULD
20 TAKE IT DIFFERENT WAYS. PERSONALLY? AS YOU KNOW I CAME FROM
21 THE D.A.'S OFFICE AND I CAN GO BACK THERE. SO IF YOU WANT ME
22 TO REPORT TO THE COMMISSION AND THEY CAN DECIDE TO FIRE ME.
23 THAT'S OKAY, NO PROBLEM. THEY CAN FIRE ME ANY TUESDAY OR
24 WHENEVER THEY MEET. I HAVE A JOB TO GO BACK TO. THE NEXT
25 INSPECTOR GENERAL IF YOU'RE RECRUITING ONE MIGHT WANT A

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1 DIFFERENT KIND OF SECURITY. SO YOU MIGHT WANT TO COME UP WITH
2 A DIFFERENT PLAN FOR THEM. BUT FOR ME, I CAN REPORT TO THE
3 BOARD OR TO THE COMMISSION. AND I CAN MAKE EITHER ONE WORK, I
4 THINK.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ASK THE SHERIFF,
7 NEAL TYLER SHERIFF MCDONNELL'S LETTER THAT HE SENT TO THE
8 BOARD PROPOSES THE INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION
9 WHOSE WORK SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE COMMISSION. AS YOU KNOW THE
10 INSPECTOR GENERAL WAS HIRED BY THE BOARD AND CURRENTLY REPORTS
11 TO THE BOARD. YOU'D THINK THE INSPECTOR GENERAL WITH A BUDGET
12 OVER \$7 MILLION AND A FULL-TIME STAFF OF NEARLY FOUR TIMES THE
13 SIZE OF THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW CAN BE HELD
14 SUFFICIENTLY ACCOUNTABLE BY A COMMISSION?

15

16 **NEAL TYLER:** OKAY. MY NAME IS NEAL TYLER AND I'M THE INTERIM
17 UNDERSHERIFF RIGHT NOW. STILL WORKING WITH JIM MCDONNELL I
18 REPRESENT HIM TODAY. I HAVE TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THIS
19 APPEARANCE. AND OF COURSE IN THE EIGHT DAYS I WORKED WITH HIM
20 ABOUT THIS ISSUE CONCERNING THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, I HAD A
21 HAND IN THE PRODUCTION OF THIS LETTER. I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE HE
22 STANDS ON THESE PARTICULAR ASPECTS AS OUTLINED IN THE LETTER
23 THAT YOU HAVE. AND I'LL SAY, FIRST OF ALL, PRELIMINARILY, THAT
24 HE'S VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT THE WORKING GROUP COMES UP WITH.
25 HE KNOWS IT WON'T BE APPROPRIATE OR POSSIBLE TO DECIDE EVERY

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1 NUANCE OF THE DETAILS OF THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AT
2 THIS HEARING TODAY. SO HE'S IN A WAY HEDGING THE DEPARTMENT'S
3 BETS BY SAYING OKAY, THIS IS A GOOD IDEA. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT
4 THE LETTER SAYS. HE SUPPORTS THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
5 BUT HE'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT THE WORKING GROUP CAN COME UP TO IN
6 TERMS OF THE ANSWERS TO SOME OF THE THORNY DETAILS WE'RE
7 DISCUSSING. TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE, SIR, TO YOUR QUESTION ABOUT
8 THE OVERSIGHT, AS IT STANDS NOW, HIS IMPRESSION IS AND HIS
9 HOPES ARE THAT THE COMMISSION, AS HE SEES IT, WHICH WOULD BE
10 EIGHT OR NINE PEOPLE OF HIGH COMMUNITY STANDING WHO ARE PUBLIC
11 SPIRITED, COMMITTED TO PUBLIC WELFARE AS HE VIEWED THE
12 C.C.J.V., WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER OF, AN ADVISORY COMMISSION OF
13 VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN PUBLIC WELFARE, IF IT'S PICKED RIGHT
14 AND THAT PEOPLE ARE OF THAT ORDER OF STATESMANSHIP, HE
15 BELIEVES THEY CAN OVERSEE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AS A
16 PRELIMINARY STANCE. HIS INFORMATION OR HIS SENSE ABOUT THAT IS
17 BORNE OUT OF HIS EXPERIENCE WITH THE C.C.J.V. AND WITH THE
18 L.A.P.D. POLICE COMMISSION AND THE FACT THAT L.A.P.D. HAD AN
19 INSPECTOR GENERAL. HE KNOWS THAT MODEL DOESN'T WORK FOR THE
20 COUNTY. BUT HIS EXPERIENCE GIVES HIM A LOT OF CONFIDENCE IN
21 HIS ABILITY TO RELATE TO A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
22 PRODUCTIVELY. I BELIEVE HIS SENSE ABOUT HOW THAT COMMISSION
23 WOULD BE STAFFED GIVES HIM THE CONFIDENCE TO FEEL THAT THE
24 COMMISSION COULD OVERLAY A FILTER OR AN ACCOUNTABILITY CHECK
25 LEVEL OVER THE I.G., WHO IS OBVIOUSLY IN PLACE TO LAYER AN

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1 ACCOUNTABILITY CHECK OR FILTER OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
2 HE SEES THE SUCCESSIVE LAYERING OF FILTERS AS HE CALLS THEM,
3 OR ACCOUNTABILITY CHECK LEVELS, COMPRISED OF EVERYTHING FROM
4 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SUPERVISION TO OUR OWN INTERNAL
5 MECHANISMS SUCH AS INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL CRIMINAL
6 INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU AND THE NEW INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT THAT WAS
7 RECOMMENDED AND ALREADY IN PLACE AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
8 THE INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT CALLED IMPACT. AND ABOVE THAT IS
9 HIMSELF, THE SHERIFF. AND THEN ABOVE HIM HE SEES THE INSPECTOR
10 GENERAL'S OFFICE. AND THEN AS A FINAL FILTER, THIS PUBLIC
11 SPIRITED GROUP OF PEOPLE CALLED THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
12 COMMISSION. SO LONG ANSWER/SHORT ANSWER, HIS IMPRESSION IS YES
13 THAT COULD BE DONE THAT WAY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS THE SHERIFF'S VISION IN REGARD
16 TO TRANSPARENCY OF THE SHARING OF INFORMATION WHERE THE LAW IS
17 UNCLEAR? HAS HE MADE ANY CHANGES TO INFORMATION SHARING
18 BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL? AND IF HE
19 HAS, HOW HAS HE DONE IT?

20

21 **NEAL TYLER:** WELL THE FIRST THING, AMONG THE FIRST THINGS HE'S
22 DONE IN HIS EIGHT DAYS IN OFFICE IS BEGIN REVIEWING THE COUNTY
23 COUNSEL'S 31-PAGE OPINION LETTER THAT SHERIFF SCOTT HAD ASKED
24 FOR LAST AUGUST CONCERNING THE ACCESS ISSUES, WHICH ARE REALLY
25 THE THORNIEST ISSUES REMAINING. WE'VE ALREADY DEVELOPED IN THE

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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SINCE MARCH A RELATIONSHIP WITH MAX
2 HUNTSMAN AND HIS STAFF OF INSPECTOR GENERAL PERSONNEL. AND AS
3 FAR AS I KNOW, THAT RELATIONSHIP IS EXCELLENT ON THE PART OF
4 OUR PEOPLE, THEIR IMPRESSION. AND I BELIEVE IT IS IN MAX'S
5 IMPRESSION TOO.

6

7 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** YES.

8

9 **NEAL TYLER:** AND ABOUT ACCESS AND MAYBE EVEN ABOUT THE
10 WATCHDOG, THAT'S A GOOD ANALOGY I GUESS, YOU BRING THE
11 WATCHDOG INTO YOUR HOUSE, CERTAINLY AND WE FEEL THAT MAX IS IN
12 OUR OFFICE, ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO OFFICE THERE, OF COURSE. BUT
13 THERE ARE ASPECTS OF CALIFORNIA LAW THAT BOTH SHERIFF SCOTT
14 AND NOW JIM MCDONNELL WILL BE GETTING CONFLICTING INFORMATION
15 ABOUT WHICH THE COUNTY COUNSEL DID AN EXCELLENT JOB TO TRYING
16 TO SORT OUT FOR US. BUT IN THAT OPINION LETTER OF 31 PAGES,
17 THERE ARE BOTH REASSURANCES ABOUT ACCESS AND ALSO SOME
18 CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS ABOUT WHERE ACCESS COULD BITE THE COUNTY
19 BACK BY DIVULGING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT'S NOT LEGAL
20 TO DIVULGE OR IN SOME CASES PERHAPS NOT ADVISABLE TO DIVULGE
21 BECAUSE OF CIVIL LAWSUIT POTENTIAL. I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO
22 A BIG LEGALISTIC PIECE OF BUSINESS RIGHT NOW, BUT THAT'S WHAT
23 JIM MCDONNELL IS DOING. THAT'S WHAT HE'S DOING TODAY, IN FACT,
24 AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION MEETING THAT HE
25 HAD TO BE AT, THAT WAS SCHEDULED BEFORE HE KNEW THIS WOULD

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1 OCCUR, WHICH IS WHY I'M HERE IN HIS PLACE, IS ASSESSING THE
2 COUNTY COUNSEL'S OPINION LETTER TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN
3 MAXIMIZE ACCESS. I KNOW THAT THE SLANT HE'S COMING AT IT FROM.
4 BUT AS HE SAID BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER HIS ELECTION, HE WANTS TO
5 DO IT IN A RESPONSIBLE LEGAL WAY. SOME OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS
6 ARE STILL INTRICATE FOR A BRAND NEW SHERIFF OF EIGHT DAYS TO
7 KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS TO DO. SO HE'S GOING MAXIMIZE
8 TRANSPARENCY AND HE'S GOING TO DOUBLE MAXIMIZE COOPERATION, I
9 GUARANTEE YOU THAT. HE IS A LISTENER. HE IS AN OPEN-MINDED
10 GUY. HE HAS A LOT OF HIS OWN IDEAS. BUT HE'LL BE ABSOLUTELY
11 VITALLY INTERESTED IN WHAT THE WORKING GROUP COMES UP WITH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AS I STATED, I HAVE NO OPPOSITION TO
14 HAVING A WORKING COMMITTEE BOARD ON THAT. I HAVE A CONCERN
15 AGAINST THE COMMISSION. BUT HAVING THE COMMISSION WHEN IT'S
16 APPROPRIATE AFTER PUBLIC TESTIMONY, THAT WOULD SEPARATE AND
17 DIVIDE THAT PART OF THE QUESTION. BUT SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I LISTENED CAREFULLY TO THE TESTIMONY, AND
20 IT SEEMED TO ME THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL ASPECTS TO IT THAT
21 WERE -- I'M NOT SURE WHAT CONCLUSION YOU HOPED THAT I WOULD
22 MAKE FROM IT. IT SEEMED AS THOUGH THERE WAS TESTIMONY ABOUT
23 THE LIMITATIONS THAT ANY OF US ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS MIGHT HAVE ON ORDERING THE SHERIFF TO EITHER
25 REVEAL INFORMATION OR TAKE ACTION. AND THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME

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1 TESTIMONY THAT WE PROBABLY COULD NOT DELEGATE ANY MORE POWER
2 TO A COMMISSION THAN WE'VE DELEGATED TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.
3 OKAY. BUT THAT DOES NOT ARGUE AGAINST THE NEED FOR A
4 COMMISSION OR THE UTILITARIAN NATURE OF IT. TO SAY THAT THE
5 INSPECTOR GENERAL COULD HAVE OR EARLIER MANIFESTATIONS OF
6 INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEES COULD HAVE HAD THERE ONLY BEEN MORE
7 ATTENTION PAID HERE OR FOR COMMUNICATION ALSO DOESN'T ARGUE IN
8 MY OPINION AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT
9 COMMISSION. THE IDEA, I THINK, ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN INVOLVING
10 CITIZENS IN AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS NOT SAYING THAT THE
11 INSPECTOR GENERAL'S NOT DOING A GOOD JOB. BUT I THINK THERE IS
12 MORE PRESSURE POTENTIALLY PLACED BY A CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON
13 US AND EVEN ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE
14 FOURTH ESTATE BUT SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE'S SIMPLY MORE ENERGETIC
15 INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED. WHAT YOU SAID IS THERE COULD HAVE BEEN A
16 LOT MORE THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED. AND IT'S NOT CLEAR IF THE
17 COMMISSION CAN DO MORE. BUT I THINK WITH THE COMMISSION THERE,
18 THERE WILL BE MORE ATTENTION, AND MORE ATTENTION PAID BY US,
19 WHICH IS WHY I SUPPORT IT. I DON'T THINK IT'S A CRITIQUE. I
20 THINK THAT SAYING WE COULD HAVE DONE MORE AND IF YOU GIVE US
21 THE OPPORTUNITY WE COULD STILL DO MORE WITHOUT THE COMMISSION,
22 IS NOT A SUFFICIENT ARGUMENT AGAINST IT. THE OTHER THING THAT
23 I BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SHERIFF
24 MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE SENSITIVE INFORMATION BECAUSE THERE ARE
25 A NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED, AND NOT JUST YOURSELF, MR.

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1 HUNTSMAN, BUT I BELIEVE THAT IT'S THE CASE WHERE YOU HAVE A
2 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IN POLICE DEPARTMENTS. THEY DO
3 RECEIVE SENSITIVE INFORMATION. THERE'S MORE THAN ONE PERSON
4 THAT GETS THEM. THEY UNDERSTAND THE ETHICS OF THEIR
5 RESPONSIBILITY. AND I THINK THE SAME COULD BE TRUE OF THIS
6 COMMISSION. SO I'M NOT CERTAIN THAT ANY ARGUMENT HAS REALLY
7 BEEN MADE AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT.

8

9 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** CERTAINLY NOT BY ME, SUPERVISOR. I AGREE WITH
10 EVERYTHING YOU ARE SAYING. I THINK MR. DROOYAN HAS A SLIGHTLY
11 DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, BUT I THINK IT'S BASED ON AN EVALUATION
12 OF THE ODDS OF THAT PRESSURE BEING LESSENERED OR DILUTED. I'LL
13 LET HIM DIRECTLY ADDRESS THAT. BUT I AGREE WITH YOU. AND I
14 AGREE THE PRESSURE IS WHAT'S CRITICAL. ON THE LEGAL ISSUE,
15 THAT'S CORRECT. THERE ARE CERTAIN KINDS OF INFORMATION THAT
16 MIGHT BE SAFER INSIDE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE THAN
17 DISSEMINATED ELSEWHERE. AND THEREFORE, PRACTICALLY SPEAKING,
18 YOU MIGHT FIND THAT THE BEST WAY TO ADDRESS THAT
19 CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUE. BUT LEGALLY I AGREE WITH YOU, THE
20 SUPREME COURT HAS TWICE SPOKEN ON RELATED ISSUES. THE FIRST
21 ONE WAS TO SAY THAT THE SUPERVISORS DEFINITELY HAVE THE
22 AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPERVISOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS,
23 NOT JUST INTO FINANCIAL MATTERS BUT INTO THE EXERCISE OF THEIR
24 DUTIES, SPECIFICALLY LISTED THE ISSUE OF COMPLAINTS, THE
25 ISSUES OF OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT

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1 THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE IN A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CAN BE
2 STRENGTHENED BY OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION. SO THE SUPREME COURT
3 WAS VERY AWARE OF THAT ISSUE AND WAS NOT DISMISSIVE OF THE
4 BOARD'S AUTHORITY IN THAT REGARD. THAT WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF A
5 CREATION OF A COMMISSION IN SAN DIEGO USING A CHARTER
6 AMENDMENT. BUT I BELIEVE THE ANALYSIS IS EXTENDABLE TO
7 CREATION BY ORDINANCE, AS WELL. BUT WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THE
8 SUPREME COURT ON THAT POINT. WE DID SOME YEARS LATER HEAR FROM
9 THEM IN ANOTHER CASE, THE COPELY CASE, COPELY NEWS SERVICE IN
10 WHICH THEY ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT PEACE
11 OFFICER PERSONNEL RECORDS COULD BE TAKEN TO SUCH A COMMISSION.
12 WHILE THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE DISSEMINATED PUBLICLY, THE
13 COURT'S CONCLUSION WAS THAT INDEED WHEN YOU CREATE SUCH A
14 COMMISSION, AGAIN IT WAS A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ONE, THAT INDEED
15 THAT BECOMES A PART OF THAT GOVERNMENTAL PROCESS OF
16 SUPERVISING THOSE EMPLOYEES AND THE PEACE OFFICER BILL OF
17 RIGHTS DOES NOT PREVENT THAT ACCESS. HOWEVER, THAT IS NOT AN
18 ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN BEFORE THEM AND PRECISELY OUR FACTS. WE DO
19 NOT KNOW HOW IT WILL COME OUT FOR SURE BUT I THINK WE SHOULD
20 TAKE STEPS FORWARD TO FIND OUT. AND WHEN WE SAY WELL IT'S
21 DANGEROUS BUT THERE MIGHT BE A LAWSUIT. I DON'T THINK THAT'S A
22 DANGER. THAT'S HOW WE GET INVOLVED WITH THE COURTS TELLING US
23 WHAT THE LAW IS. WE NEED TO GO FORWARD WITH WHAT WE BELIEVE
24 THE LAW TO BE. WE NEED TO DO SO IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER SO
25 THAT WE DON'T PUT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OUT TO THE PUBLIC.

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1 BUT I'VE CREATED A FRAMEWORK TO DO THAT. I BELIEVE COUNTY
2 COUNSEL HAS SET UP A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR IT AND I BELIEVE WE
3 SHOULD MOVE FORWARD IN THAT REGARD. I AGREE WITH YOU 100
4 PERCENT, THAT IS NOT AN ARGUMENT AGAINST A COMMISSION BUT I
5 THINK MR. DROOYAN MIGHT GIVE YOU MORE WORDS OF CAUTION IT, AS
6 I THINK HE ALREADY HAS. BUT I SAY, YEAH, THE KEY PLAYER HERE
7 IS MR. MCDONNELL WANTS ONE, LET'S GIVE HIM ONE. LET'S SAY YOU
8 WANT IT, OKAY, HERE IT IS. LET'S MAKE IT WORK AND I THINK WE
9 CAN DO IT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I APPRECIATE THE CONVERSATION, THE
14 DISCUSSION AND THE COMMENTS UP TO THIS POINT. I'M A BIT
15 SURPRISED BY THE FORCE WITH WHICH OUR FORMER GENERAL COUNSEL
16 AND IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR SPEAKS TO SCUTTLE THE EFFORT OF THE
17 COMMISSION WHICH I HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY AND I WILL SAY AGAIN
18 WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE IS A HALF LOAF. MODERN CONSTITUTIONAL
19 POLICING ACROSS THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THIS NATION,
20 ESSENTIALLY CALLS FOR AN INSPECTOR GENERAL AND AN ENTITY THAT
21 CONSTITUTES A COMMISSION, CALL IT OVERSIGHT, CALL IT
22 INDEPENDENT, CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL. MAY I REMIND YOU, I WAS
23 PART AND PARCEL OF WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE CITY OF LOS
24 ANGELES WHEN IT MOVED FORWARD ON THAT ESSENTIALLY CONSTITUTED
25 OR RECONSTITUTED REVAMPED WHAT IS CURRENTLY THE POLICE

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1 COMMISSION. IT WAS THOUGHT TO BE TOOTHLESS PRIOR TO THAT. IT
2 TOOK A CIVIL UNREST TO CAUSE PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WE NEEDED
3 MORE IN THE WAYS OF THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. [APPLAUSE]
4 [GAVEL].

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S HOW WE GOT TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY.
7 MIGHT I SIMPLY SAY IF WE ACT RESPONSIBLY, IF WE ACT WITH A
8 SENSE OF PREVENTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS, IF WE MOVE ON THE BASIS OF
9 WHAT WE'VE LEARNED THROUGH PAST PRACTICES AND NOW BEST
10 PRACTICES, WE CAN CAUSE THIS COUNTY, ITS SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
11 TO FURTHER DISTINGUISH ITSELF. MR. DROOYAN, I'M QUITE FRANKLY,
12 SURPRISED GIVEN THE RANGE OF CONVERSATIONS THAT WE'VE HAD OVER
13 THE PAST NEARLY TWO YEARS, THAT YOU WOULD PRESENT A POINT OF
14 VIEW THAT WOULD EMBRACE THE STATUS QUO AND/OR SET US BACK.
15 [APPLAUSE] I'M QUITE FRANKLY, SURPRISED BY THAT. [GAVEL].

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND YOU AND I HAVE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS
18 BOTH BEING MUTUALLY RESPECTFUL IN THAT ENGAGEMENT. I WISH TO
19 CONTINUE ALONG THAT PATH. BUT I DO NOT WANT IT TO BE UNCLEAR
20 TO ANYONE UNDER THE SOUND OF MY VOICE THAT THAT WHICH YOU
21 REPRESENT TODAY IS QUITE TROUBLING. MR. HUNTSMAN, YOU CAN'T
22 GET HALF OF WHAT YOU WANT, TAKE YOUR PIECE AND SAY "IT'S ALL
23 DONE." IT IS TIME FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD ON A COMMISSION. NOW,
24 WE HAVEN'T BEEN SILENT. AN ABUNDANCE OF DUE DILIGENCE HAS BEEN
25 DONE OVER THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF, BY THE SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT, BY YOUR DEPARTMENT, MR. DROOYAN HAS BEEN INVOLVED
2 IN IT, THE BOARD HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN IT, WE HAVE AN AMPLE
3 NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS, COUNTY COUNSEL HAS WEIGHED IN. LADIES AND
4 GENTLEMEN, THE TIME HAS COME. AND IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT
5 WHAT WE WOULD DO IS RECOGNIZE THE MOTION AS IT IS PRESENTED.
6 TO IMPLEMENT, TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE ARE AFFIRMING THE CREATION
7 OF A COMMISSION. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME THIS BOARD WILL HAVE
8 DONE THAT. AND THEN SET BEFORE A WORKING COMMITTEE YET TO BE
9 CONSTITUTED, THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF WHAT THAT COMMISSION WOULD
10 BE AND HOW IT WOULD CARRY OUT ITS WORK. THAT'S WHAT'S BEFORE
11 US. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE WOULD BE WELL WITHIN OUR RIGHT
12 AND WELL-REASONED TO DO SO. IT IS NOT MY VIEW, AND I RESPECT
13 THE MAYOR'S DESIRE TO GET FEEDBACK TO HIS QUESTION, THAT'S
14 CERTAINLY APPROPRIATE, OURS TO RE-LITIGATE ALL THOSE ISSUES
15 HERE AND NOW. THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO WITH A
16 NEWLY SEATED WORKING GROUP WHO CAN VET ALL OF THESE ISSUES AD
17 NAUSEAM. THE POINT TO BE MADE HERE TODAY AND NOT TO BE LOST IS
18 THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE FORWARD. WE ARE EFFECTIVELY
19 OVERDUE FOR THIS LEVEL OF TRANSPARENCY AND APPROPRIATE
20 INVOLVEMENT. MR. MAYOR, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. [GAVEL]
21 [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, MR. DROOYAN?

24

25 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** MAY I JUST BRIEFLY RESPOND?

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RESPECTFULLY.

3

4 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I HAVE HAD
5 DISCUSSIONS OVER THIS ISSUE FOR OVER TWO YEARS, AND MY
6 POSITION HAS BEEN CONSISTENT, HAS BEEN THE SAME.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S GETTING INCREASINGLY BELLIGERENT, I
9 NOTE. [LAUGHTER.]

10

11 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** NO, NO, NO SIR, NOT AT ALL. IT IS WHAT THE
12 JAIL COMMISSION RECOMMENDED. BUT THE POINT I DO WANT TO MAKE
13 IS THAT I STRONGLY FAVOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. IN MY VIEW, THE
14 MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO HAVE THAT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IN THE
15 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS THROUGH A FULLY FUNDED, FULLY
16 STAFFED, FULLY ACCESSIBLE INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTING TO THIS
17 BOARD. THAT'S JUST THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOU AND ME IN TERMS
18 OF YOUR APPROACH. YOU FAVOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. YOU WANT THE
19 BEST CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT POSSIBLE. YOU ENVISION A PARTICULAR
20 STRUCTURE. I ALSO FAVOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OVERSIGHT AND I
21 WANT THE BEST CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT POSSIBLE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU HAVE NOT HEARD ME OPINE ON A
24 PARTICULAR STRUCTURE.

25

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1 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** BUT WITH THE COMMISSION IS WHAT I'M
2 TALKING ABOUT.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

5

6 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** YOU AND I DISAGREE FUNDAMENTALLY OVER THE
7 PRACTICALITY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A COMMISSION. BUT I WANT
8 TO SAY I STRONGLY FAVOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. YOU KNOW YOU AND I
9 HAVE HAD THOSE CONVERSATIONS FOR MANY MORE THAN TWO YEARS. IT
10 JUST COMES DOWN TO HOW ARE WE GOING TO CREATE THE MOST
11 EFFECTIVE STRUCTURE WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT THE
16 CONVERSATION'S BEEN VERY INTERESTING. AND I WOULD JUST SAY
17 THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, WE HAVEN'T REALLY HAD A CHANCE TO
18 SIT DOWN AND TALK, BUT I UNDERSTAND YOUR ROLE. I UNDERSTAND
19 CONFIDENTIALITY. AND I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING
20 PERSONNEL MATTERS CLOSELY-HELD. AND WE HAVE TO ABIDE BY THE
21 LAWS. BUT I ALSO THINK THAT IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE. IT IS
22 TIME FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER. AND WHAT I'M HEARING ALSO FROM
23 THE SHERIFF, THE UNDERSECRETARY, THE UNDERSHERIFF, I'M SORRY,
24 THAT THERE IS ROOM TO MOVE. AND THAT THE ATMOSPHERE HAS
25 DEFINITELY CHANGED. AND I THINK THAT'S THE FRUSTRATION, NOT

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1 JUST PERHAPS WITH SOME MEMBERS OF THE BOARD BUT WITH THE
2 PUBLIC. THAT THEY WANT TO SEE US MOVE ON. THEY WANT TO GET
3 BEYOND WHAT WE KNOW HAS TO CHANGE. AND WITH THAT WE'LL
4 REQUIRE, WE'LL TALK ABOUT, WE'LL DISCUSS. BUT I DON'T THINK WE
5 NEED TO PUSH BACK ON THE NOTION THAT WE ALL WANT TO SEE
6 SOMETHING HAPPEN AND FOR ALL OF US TO BE SUCCESSFUL. I HOPE
7 THAT WE CAN DO THAT IN A NEW SPIRIT. THAT'S WHAT I EXPECT TO
8 BRING TO THIS BOARD. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS MOTION
9 MOVED.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE WILL CALL UP THE NUMBER OF
12 SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP. THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR INPUT.
13 WE WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE EACH. PATRICE CULLORS. JONATHAN KLEIN.
14 KIM MCGILL. SUSAN BURTON. OKAY. LET ME CALL UP MARSHA TEMPLE.

15

16 **PATRICE CULLORS:** HOW MUCH TIME ARE WE GETTING?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE MINUTE, I'M SORRY.

19

20 **PATRICE CULLORS:** HI, EVERYBODY MY NAME IS PATRICE CULLORS. I'M
21 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE
22 COALITION TO END SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE IN L.A. JAILS. SINCE
23 SEPTEMBER 2012, DIGNITY AND POWER NOW HAS BEEN DEMANDING THAT
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW BOARD OF
25 THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT LEGALLY

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1 EMPOWERED COMMUNITY CENTERED AND INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT OF
2 L.A.S.D. IS THE ONLY WAY TO SECURE LONG-LASTING PROTECTIONS
3 AND DETERRENCE AGAINST SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE. WE WANTED TO HAVE
4 THE COMMISSION TO HAVE SUBPOENA POWER. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH
5 LAWYERS AT U.C.L.A. IN WHICH THEY STATED THAT IN FACT THE
6 COUNTY DOES HAVE SUBPOENA POWER UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT
7 CODE 25170. SO WE WANTED TO BRING THAT TO YOU TODAY. WE WANTED
8 TO BE IT A NINE MEMBER BOARD. FIVE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND FOUR BY COMMUNITY PARTNERS. THE
10 COMMISSION SHOULD HAVE INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL. THE
11 COMMISSION SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR RETIRED LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT SERVING ON THE BOARD. AND THE COMMISSION SHOULD
13 DIRECT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECT GENERAL. THANK
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** MY NAME IS RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN. AND
19 LIKE PATRICE, WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS AS CLERGY AND LAITY
20 UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND WE REALLY TAKE THE LEAD OF
21 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW THAT HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF
22 GIVING VERY CLEAR GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT ARE THE GOALS FOR WHAT
23 THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT SHOULD LOOK LIKE. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
24 THAT THE COMMUNITY IS FULLY EMBRACED IN THE PROCESS OF WORKING
25 ON THIS AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT I WANT TO PUT OUT THERE AS THE

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1 DIRECTOR OF CLUE, CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR JUSTICE. WE HAVE
2 A BLACK-JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE WHICH HAS BEEN VERY FOCUSED ON
3 THIS ISSUE AND OTHER ISSUES OF JUSTICE RELATED TO THE
4 INCARCERATION RATES AND ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE HAPPENING
5 SPECIFICALLY WITHIN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. WE REALLY
6 BELIEVE LIKE MANY OF YOU HAVE SAID THE TIME IS RIGHT NOW. THE
7 CHANGE IS POSSIBLE. WE'RE VERY EXCITED FOR OUR NEW ELECTED
8 LEADERS IN THIS BODY. AND WE BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO
9 THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DIANA
12 ZUNIGA. AND JOSEPH MAIZLISH. YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARSHA TEMPLE. I AM
15 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. WE
16 HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN HOMELESS WITH HOUSING, HEALTHCARE
17 AND JOBS. I'M HERE TO SPEAK MY SUPPORT OF THE CITIZEN'S
18 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE THE TRUST OF THE COMMUNITY FOR LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT MUST BE EARNED WITH TRANSPARENCY AND
21 ACCOUNTABILITY. MY CONCERN IS THAT IF THERE IS NO CIVILIAN
22 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THE COUNTY WILL PERCEIVE THE OFFICE OF
23 INSPECTOR GENERAL AS ANOTHER LEVEL OF BUREAUCRACY THAT THEY
24 CANNOT AFFECT. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. PASTOR PETER LAARMAN? YES,
2 MA'AM.

3

4 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS KIM MCGILL WITH THE
5 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. WE'VE ALSO BEEN HERE AND PROUD TO BE
6 MEMBERS OF THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE. WE'VE BEEN
7 HERE FOR A NUMBER OF MONTHS, YEARS NOW. WE THINK THAT THIS IS
8 AN HISTORIC MOMENT AND I WANT TO TAKE US BACK TO THE BEGINNING
9 OF THIS MEETING WHERE THE OPENING PRAYER AS WELL AS THE
10 OPENING COMMENTS SPOKE ABOUT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS
11 SUPERVISORS TO LOOK OUT FOR THE ORPHANS, TO STAND WITH THE
12 WIDOWS AND TO SEEK JUSTICE FOR THE STRANGERS. THOSE 150 PEOPLE
13 THAT YOU BURIED IN AN UNMARKED GRAVE, PROBABLY MANY OF THEM
14 WENT THROUGH COUNTY JAIL. THEY DIDN'T NEED THEIR RECOGNITION
15 NOW WHEN THEY WERE DEAD, THEY NEEDED YOUR PROTECTION WHILE
16 THEY WERE ALIVE. WE URGE -- [APPLAUSE] WE URGE, I ACTUALLY
17 WANT TO ASK THAT EVERYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE STAND BECAUSE THESE
18 ARE THE WIDOWS, THE ORPHANS AND THE STRANGERS. WE ARE THE
19 PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN IN YOUR JAILS. AND THE PEOPLE THAT
20 BURIED OUR FAMILY MEMBERS WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THE
21 SHERIFFS. DO NOT CREATE AN INEFFECTIVE COMMISSION AS WE HAVE
22 WITH THE L.A.P.D. THESE ARE ESSENTIAL THINGS TO MAKE SURE WE
23 DON'T REPEAT THAT. THIS COMMISSION HAVE SUBPOENA POWER.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. MAYOR? I WOULD JUST ASK THAT WE
3 DO NOT DISRESPECT THOSE THAT WE ARE BURYING TOMORROW. THEY DO
4 NOT COME FROM OUR JAILS. THEY COME THROUGH OUR PUBLIC
5 GUARDIAN. WE'RE ADDING DIGNITY TO THEIR LIFE AND BURIAL
6 BECAUSE NO ONE HAS THEM, AND FOR HER TO INDICATE THAT THEY ARE
7 COMING FROM OUR JAILS IS ABSOLUTELY DISRESPECTFUL.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** POINT OF ORDER.

10

11 **KIM MCGILL:** I WOULDN'T DISRESPECT MYSELF. WE'RE NOT ASHAMED TO
12 BE FROM THE JAILS. WE JUST WANT JUSTICE. BEING THERE DOESN'T
13 MEAN WE'RE NOT HUMAN. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PASTOR CUE JNMARIE? YES, MA'AM?

16

17 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA. I'M WITH CALIFORNIANS
18 UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET AND L.A. NO MORE JAILS. I HAVE
19 LIVED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT FOR 25 YEARS OF MY LIFE AND
20 WELCOME SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I'M HERE
21 SUPPORTING THE MOTION FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND I
22 WANT TO HIGHLIGHT TWO CHARACTERISTICS WE ARE ASKING FOR.
23 FIRST, SUBPOENA POWER. SECOND, NO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR RETIRED
24 LAW ENFORCEMENT ON THE BOARD. MY FATHER WAS BRUTALIZED BY THE
25 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THERE'S NO WAY THAT LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT COULD ALLEVIATE THE PAIN THAT HE WAS FEELING. THEY
2 SHOULD NOT BE A PART OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS
3 MOVE FORWARD. AND LET'S TAKE ON STOPPING THE \$2 BILLION JAIL
4 PLAN NEXT. [APPLAUSE] ALSO, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I'M SURE IF WE
5 DID AN ASSESSMENT OF THOSE FOLKS THAT ARE BEING BURIED THAT
6 ARE NAMELESS, WE WOULD KNOW THAT A LOT OF THEM ARE FROM L.A.
7 COUNTY JAILS. A LOT OF THEM ARE DISENFRANCHISED.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** WE KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THEY COME FROM.

10

11 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** WE'D LIKE YOU TO SHARE THAT WITH US. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PAUL YOUNG? YES, SIR?

14

15 **JOE MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN ANTONOVICH AND BOARD
16 MEMBERS AND STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. MY NAME'S JOE
17 MAIZLISH. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS A CONCERN. WHENEVER WE CREATE A
18 NEW STRUCTURE, THE QUESTION IS: DOES IT FACILITATE WHAT MOST
19 NEEDS TO BE DONE? I ASKED THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL
20 VIOLENCE AT THEIR LAST PUBLIC MEETING HOW ABOUT YOU FOLKS JUST
21 STAYING IN OFFICE AND CONTINUING TO FUNCTION? BECAUSE
22 STATISTICS WERE SHOWING AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE JAIL SITUATION
23 WHILE YOU WERE GIVING IT THAT OBSERVATION. I THINK PUBLIC
24 OBSERVATION, SUSTAINED INTEREST AS YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
25 QUOTED FROM THE C.C.J.V., SUSTAINED, WHAT IS IT? SUSTAINED

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1 INTEREST OF THE BOARD AND OF THE PUBLIC. WE ULTIMATELY ARE THE
2 COMMISSION NO MATTER WHAT STRUCTURE IS ESTABLISHED OR ISN'T
3 ESTABLISHED. ALL OF US ARE. AND SO THEREFORE LET'S, WHAT WE
4 ESTABLISH, I THINK THIS CAN HAVE A GOOD EFFECT IF IT INVITES
5 BROAD AND REGULAR INPUT FROM PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY,
6 ALL SITUATIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTY AND KEEPS THAT INFORMATION
7 FLOWING. THAT WILL BE A CONTRIBUTION. WHATEVER ITS STRUCTURES,
8 WHATEVER ITS AUTHORITIES, THAT'S WHAT'S NEEDED. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. KRISTINA RONNQUIST?
11 YES, SIR.

12

13 **REV. PETER LAARMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON I'M REVEREND PETER LAARMAN
14 FROM THE JUSTICE NOT JAILS COALITION. I CONGRATULATE MEMBERS
15 OF THIS BOARD FOR TAKING THE MOMENT THAT WE ARE NOW IN
16 NATIONALLY AND MAKING SENSE OF IT. IN OUR CONTEXT AND FOR
17 PRESSING FOR TWO THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOKED REPEATEDLY,
18 TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND MAY I ADD INDEPENDENCE. FOR
19 ME AND FOR THE PEOPLE I WORK WITH, THE INDEPENDENCE OF THIS
20 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WILL BE THE CRUCIAL THING. I THINK WE
21 HEARD IN EARLIER TESTIMONY TODAY THAT WE REALLY DO NOT HAVE
22 INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT IN THE STRUCTURE THAT WAS CREATED IN THE
23 WAKE OF THE C.C.J.V. SO WE NEED TO PRESS ON. WE NEED TO PRESS
24 ON FOR THE PRIZE. THIS IS AN ORGANIZING PROJECT. BUT BE
25 ASSURED THAT THE PEOPLE I WORK WITH, MOSTLY INTERFAITH LEADERS

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1 AND OTHERS, WILL BE PRESENT AND WILL BE PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION
2 AS WE MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

5

6 **PASTOR JNMARIE CUE:** REAL OH I'M PASTOR CUE HERE REPRESENTING
7 CLUE AND THE S.C.L.C. THE ISSUE HERE IS ACCOUNTABILITY. IN MY
8 FAITH TRADITION, THERE'S A KING. GOD SAID TO THIS MAN, THIS
9 MAN WAS A MAN AFTER HIS OWN HEART. YET THIS KING TOOK A MAN'S
10 WIFE AND HAD THE MAN KILLED. WHEN HE WAS ASKED, WHEN THE ACT
11 WAS DESCRIBED TO THE KING, HE PROCLAIMED THAT THE PERSON WHO
12 DID THIS MUST BE KILLED. THE PROPHET RESPONDED, "THE MAN IS
13 YOU." WE GIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT FIREARMS AND BADGES THAT THAT'S
14 POWER AND CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT WITHOUT POWER EQUALS OPPRESSION.
15 AS IT'S EVIDENT BY WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS THE NATION, WE THE
16 PEOPLE ARE PREPARED TO FIGHT UNTIL WE GET PROPER
17 ACCOUNTABILITY. SPEAKING OF TRUST, YOU CANNOT TELL THE VICTIM
18 WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE TO TAKE TO RESTORE TRUST. THEY HAVE TO
19 TELL YOU WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO RESTORE TRUST. DOES THE
20 CITIZEN'S COMMISSION REFLECT THOSE WHO ARE MOST ADVERSELY
21 AFFECTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT? IF IT DOESN'T, WE CAN'T TRUST IT.
22 [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP CHERYL
25 WARD AND LESLIE GERSICOFF. YES, SIR.

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1

2 **PAUL JUNG:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PAUL JUNG. I'M A
3 STAFF ATTORNEY AT ASIAN- AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE L.A. THE
4 NATION'S LARGEST CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION FOR ASIAN-
5 AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS. I'M HERE TO
6 STAND WITH THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE TO SUPPORT
7 ITEM NO. 2 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS TO CREATE THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FOR THE
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS
10 POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY TO SET A PRECEDENT TODAY AND TO
11 ASSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE FROM EGREGIOUS VIOLENCE
12 AND PERVASIVE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND VIOLATIONS. WE URGE THE
13 BOARD MEMBERS TO STOP CONSTRUCTION OF NEW JAILS AND TO REDUCE
14 RECIDIVISM, INCREASE SAFETY AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY BY
15 SUPPORTING POST RELEASE PROGRAMS AND ALTERNATIVES TO
16 INCARCERATION. WE URGE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
17 INVEST IN CIVILIAN REVIEW. THANK YOU, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP NAJEE ALI AND ROBERT
20 BRANCH. YES, MA'AM.

21

22 **KRISTINA RONNQUIST:** MY NAME IS KRISTINA RONNQUIST, I'M AN
23 M.S.W. AND MEMBER OF DIGNITY AND POWER NOW WHO PREVIOUSLY
24 INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS I
25 OBSERVED AS A SOCIAL WORKER INSIDE THE WOMEN'S COUNTY JAIL IN

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1 LYNWOOD. ALTHOUGH I FELT MY SAFETY COULD BE COMPROMISED IT WAS
2 NECESSARY TO SPEAK OUT BECAUSE I WITNESSED ABSOLUTELY NO
3 AVENUES FOR THE INMATES TO COMPLAINT ABOUT THE CONDITIONS
4 THEMSELVES. DENIED ANY REQUESTS TO CALL THE A.C.L.U. NOT LET
5 OUT OF THEIR CELL. RETALIATED BY CUSTODY STAFF WHEN REQUESTING
6 COMPLAINT FORMS OR SPEAKING TO JAIL MONITORS. AND IGNORED BY
7 MENTAL HEALTH STAFF AND REPORTING CUSTODY ABUSE. THESE WOMEN
8 ARE NOT HEARD. SIMILARLY THERE IS NO EFFECTIVE AVENUE FOR JAIL
9 STAFF TO COMPLAIN, EITHER. ALTHOUGH L.A.S.D. HAS RESPONDED TO
10 SOME OF MY CONCERNS, GIVEN THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE EGREGIOUS
11 ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF THESE WOMEN, ANY INVESTIGATION HEADED BY
12 THEIR OWN PERSONNEL IS INEFFECTIVE. THIS IS WHY A CIVILIAN
13 REVIEW BOARD WITH INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE AND SUBPOENA
14 POWERS ARE ESSENTIAL. WITHOUT THIS FUNCTION INMATES AND JAIL
15 STAFF ARE FORCED TO COMMUNICATE TO THE PERPETRATORS THEMSELVES
16 WHICH IS NEITHER SAFE NOR EFFECTIVE.

17
18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP HEATHER
19 MILLER. YES, MA'AM.

20
21 **LESLIE GERSICOFF:** GOOD MORNING. I'M LESLIE GERSICOFF, I'M THE
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE WEST REGION.
23 AND I'M HERE TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR EFFORTS TO BRING THIS
24 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO FRUITION. EVERY SINGLE OF THE
25 MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY NEED THIS

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1 COMMISSION. YOU NEED THIS COMMISSION. THE JEWISH LABOR
2 COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO COMBAT FASCISM IN THE '30S. WE KNOW
3 HOW QUICKLY A COMMUNITY CAN RUN OUT OF CONTROL WITHOUT
4 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT. SO WE TRUST
5 THAT THERE IS ENOUGH COMMITMENT ON THIS BOARD TO BRING A
6 SUCCESSFUL COMMISSION INTO EXISTENCE. AND WE ARE SUPPORTING
7 YOU ALL THE WAY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. I ALSO CALL UP STEVE
10 ROGERS. YES, SIR.

11

12 **NAJEE ALI::** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
13 MY NAME IS NAJEE ALI. I'M THE L.A. POLITICAL DIRECTOR OF THE
14 NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK, FOUNDED BY REVEREND AL SHARPTON. OUR
15 ORGANIZATION IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
16 COMMISSION. WE BELIEVE THAT TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS
17 CRITICAL TO RESTORE TRUST IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHEN YOU LOOK AT
18 THE PROTESTS THAT ARE GOING ON IN FERGUSON, NEW YORK CITY AND
19 ACROSS THE NATION BECAUSE OF POLICE ABUSE, WE BELIEVE THAT
20 L.A. HAS A RESPONSIBILITY AND CAN REALLY SEND A STRONG MESSAGE
21 OUT THAT POLICE REFORM IS CRITICAL HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO
22 WE WANT TO THANK OUR NEW SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
23 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR COURAGE AND
24 CONVICTION FOR DOING WHAT'S RIGHT TO PROTECTING THE MOST

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1 INDEPENDENT AND WEAKEST IN SOCIETY, THOSE THAT CAN'T DEFEND OR
2 SPEAK UP FOR THEMSELVES. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DAYTON
5 WILLIAMS. YES, SIR.

6

7 **ROBERT BRANCH:** YES, MY NAME IS ROBERT BRANCH, AND I WORK WITH
8 CLUE CLERGY LAITY UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE. I AM ON ITS
9 BOARD. I AM HERE BECAUSE I SUPPORT ITEM 2, THE MOTION BY
10 SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SOLIS TO CREATE THE CIVILIAN
11 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS IS A
12 POSITIVE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE
13 TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM,
14 INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY BY
15 SUPPORTING POST RELEASE PROGRAMS, CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS LONG
16 OVERDUE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. TIFFANY JOHNSTON. TIFFANY
19 JOHNSTON? YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **RABBI HEATHER MILLER:** HI, I'M RABBI HEATHER MILLER, I HAD TO
22 ADD MY VOICE TODAY. I'M WITH CLUE CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR
23 ECONOMIC JUSTICE. I'M WITH THE BLACK-JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE
24 OF THAT GROUP. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES. AND I
25 WANT TO SPEAK TODAY TO THE VALUES OF THIS POLICY. AS A RABBI

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1 IN THE COMMUNITY, THIS MORNING I PRAYED THE MORNING PRAYER.
2 [SPEAKING HEBREW] WHICH TELLS US THAT EVERY BREATH AND EVERY
3 SOUL IS PRECIOUS. THIS IDEA ECHOES THE TEACHING IN THE FIRST
4 BOOK OF THE BIBLE IN GENESIS THAT TELLS US THAT EACH HUMAN
5 BEING WAS CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD. TO PRESERVE THE DIGNITY
6 AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF EVERY HUMAN BEING FROM THE TIME OF NOAH,
7 WE LEARN OF FUNDAMENTAL AND UNIVERSAL COMMAND, THAT ALL
8 HUMANITY MUST CREATE RIGHTEOUS HOUSES OF JUSTICE TO INSURE
9 ORDER AND A FAIR PROCESS TO INSURE THE HONOR AND DIGNITY OF
10 EACH PERSON. I FULLY SUPPORT THIS BILL. AND AS WE SEE HERE ON
11 THE WALL, IT SAYS THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE OF THE PEOPLE, BY
12 THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE. I HOPE THAT THIS COMMISSION IS
13 CREATED SO THE PEOPLE CAN HELP ADVISE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. REVEREND LARRY FOY.

16

17 **STEVE ROGERS:** HI NAME'S STEVE ROGERS WITH DIGNITY POWER NOW,
18 I'M AN ORGANIZER. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM NO. 2. I'D LIKE TO
19 WELCOME THE NEW SUPERVISORS. IT IS REALLY A BREATH OF FRESH
20 AIR TO SEE TWO SUPERVISORS HERE LISTENING TO WHAT WE'RE SAYING
21 AND NOT ORGANIZING THEIR SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK. NO OFFENSE.
22 WE APPRECIATE THAT YOU GUYS COME HERE AND GET RIGHT TO WORK.
23 YOU GUYS JUST GOT VOTED IN AND YOU'RE READY TO TACKLE ONE OF
24 THE BIGGEST ISSUES THAT'S FACING OUR COUNTRY AT THIS TIME. AS
25 YOU COULD SEE, THE PUBLIC IS AFRAID OF THE POLICE. THE POLICE

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1 HAVE BEEN DOING THINGS WITH THEIR UNCHECKED AND THEIR UNIFIED
2 POWER. IT'S REALLY A PROBLEM IN THIS NATION AND IT'S NOT GOING
3 AWAY UNTIL WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. SO WE BELIEVE THAT THIS
4 BOARD IS GOING TO BE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IT NEEDS
5 TO NOT HAVE POLICE ON IT. IT NEEDS TO HAVE LAWYERS OR
6 INSPECTOR GENERAL, NOT SAYING HE'S DOING A BAD JOB, BUT HE
7 SAID HE STILL HAS HIS JOB AS A PROSECUTOR. HIS JOB, HIS
8 CAREER, WAS PUTTING PEOPLE IN JAIL AND HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE
9 LOOKING OUT FOR THE RIGHTS OF THESE PEOPLE. WE WANT TO KEEP
10 PEOPLE LIKE THAT OFF OF THIS BOARD. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO PUT UP JAS WADE
13 AND CARLA GONZALEZ. YES, SIR.

14

15 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** SORRY. MY NAME IS DAYVON WILLIAMS I'M A YOUTH
16 ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I DEMAND CIVILIAN
17 OVERSIGHT THAT IS EFFECTIVE AND HAS EFFECTIVE POWER SO THAT
18 JUSTICE IS PROPERLY SERVED TO THE COMMUNITY. MANY PEOPLE HAVE
19 NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM MENTAL
20 ABUSE, PHYSICAL ABUSE AND TO THE WORST, KILLINGS. AND
21 OVERWHELMINGLY THE BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES SUFFER THIS
22 PRACTICE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VERY OFTEN. I REMEMBER AN
23 EXPERIENCE I HAD INSIDE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL. I HAVE
24 EPILEPSY. I HAD A SEIZURE. AND MY CELL MATE SEEN ME HAVING A
25 SEIZURE. THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON BUT THEY KNEW

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1 SOMETHING WAS WRONG. SO THEY CALLED THE SHERIFFS. AND THEY
2 ENDED UP SENDING ME TO THE HOLE. INSTEAD OF GETTING MEDICAL
3 CARE, I GOT SENT TO THE HOLE FOR ALMOST TWO WEEKS. NOW, IF WE
4 HAD EFFECTIVE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, IT PROBABLY COULD HAVE BEEN
5 AND WOULD HAVE BEEN HANDLED DIFFERENTLY. AND WE NEED SOME
6 ACCOUNTABILITY TO BE TAKEN TO THEM.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ROBERT
13 LUCAS. YES, SIR?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** WELCOME, SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS. LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CAN'T WAIT. YOU MENTIONED
17 SEVERAL COMMISSIONS ALONG WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
18 FINDINGS SUGGESTING THERE IS OVERWHELMING SHERIFF'S ABUSE. THE
19 NATIONAL CLIMATE AND TEMPERATURE SAY THAT WE CAN'T WAIT. THE
20 DEATHS OF EZIEL FORD, MICHAEL BROWN AND ERIC GARNER WHOSE
21 DEATH, BY THE WAY, HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY NATIONAL COLUMNIST AS
22 "A PUBLIC LYNCHING WITHOUT A ROPE" SAYS THAT WE CAN'T WAIT. WE
23 CAN'T WAIT FOR ANOTHER PRIVATE LYNCHING TO TAKE PLACE IN L.A.
24 COUNTY JAILS, NOR CAN WE WAIT FOR ANOTHER PUBLIC LYNCHING OF A
25 CIVILIAN TO TAKE PLACE AT THE HANDS OF AN OVERZEALOUS PEACE

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1 OFFICER. SO, MY FRIENDS, WE NEED A CRITICAL, WE NEED A
2 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND WE NEED IT NOW.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP STEVE
5 LAMB, YES, MA'AM?

6

7 **CASSANDRA AYANA:** MY NAME IS CASSANDRA AYANA. I AM A STUDENT OF
8 [INAUDIBLE]. I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BECAUSE
9 THE SHERIFFS HAVE GONE OVERHAND. I SEEN IT WITH MY OWN EYES IN
10 MY NEIGHBORHOOD. I AM A SISTER, DAUGHTER AND MEMBER OF L.A.
11 COUNTY. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE A MEMBER OF THE COALITION
12 TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE ON THE COMMISSION. BOYLE HEIGHTS AND
13 L.A. DEMANDS JUSTICE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP SHANNON
16 SOPER? YES, MA'AM?

17

18 **JAS WADE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JAS WADE AND I AM AN
19 ORGANIZER WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. FOR OVER TWO YEARS NOW
20 THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE IN L.A. JAILS HAS BEEN
21 PUSHING THE COUNTY TO CREATE A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD THAT CAN
22 HOLD AND PRODUCE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FROM ONE OF
23 THE MOST BRUTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE COUNTRY WHICH
24 IS THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO THIS CIVILIAN
25 REVIEW BOARD IS LONG OVERDUE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP

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1 AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS. HOWEVER THE TYPE OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
2 WE ARE FIGHTING FOR MUST HAVE NECESSARY POWERS AND ATTRIBUTES
3 IN PLACE TO EFFECTIVELY OVERSEE THE LARGEST SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY THAT HAS A LONG HISTORY OF
5 CORRUPTION, EVADING ACCOUNTABILITY, VIOLENCE AND THE LARGEST
6 JAIL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD. A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MUST
7 HAVE THE FOLLOWING NONNEGOTIABLE CHARACTERISTICS, WHICH
8 INCLUDE SUBPOENA POWER, ITS OWN LEGAL COUNSEL, BE MADE UP OF
9 NINE MEMBERS, FOUR OF WHICH COME FROM THE COMMUNITY. THAT IT
10 DIRECTS THE POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND BE
11 COMPRISED OF NO CURRENT OR FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND MOVING
12 FORWARD IN THIS WORKING GROUP, THERE SHOULD BE AND ALWAYS BE
13 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION IN SHAPING THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LINDA
16 LOCKWOOD. YES, MR. LUCAS.

17

18 **ROBERT LUCAS:** MY NAME IS ROBERT LUCAS. ONCE AGAIN, YOU KNOW,
19 THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT IT EITHER BE
20 MIXED UP BETWEEN THE OFFICIALS AND THE CIVILIAN PEOPLE WHO I
21 FEEL HAVE BEEN THROUGH THAT JAIL AND KNOW THE IN'S AND OUT'S
22 OF HOW INFLUENTIAL AND EFFECTIVE THE SHERIFFS CAN BE IN
23 PERSUADING PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE OF THAT SYSTEM TO SEE THEIR
24 VIEW. AND THERE ARE A FEW PEOPLE THAT WERE IN THIS ROOM THAT
25 LEFT THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO ME TO RECOMMEND FOR ONE OF

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1 THESE POSITIONS. AND THIS WAS SUSAN BURTON. UNFORTUNATELY, SHE
2 HAD TO LEAVE. ALSO, MR. THOMAS, I GREW UP IN COMPTON AND
3 LYNWOOD IN THE '60S AND WHEN YOU SAID 'CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE' TO
4 ANGRY FRUSTRATED PEOPLE, WHAT MESSAGE ARE YOU SENDING? I FELT
5 IT WHEN YOU SAID IT. WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE NEED SOME HELP. WE
6 DON'T NEED MORE CONFLICT AND CONFUSION. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP KWAZI NKRUMAH.

9

10 **STEVEN LAMB:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS STEVEN LAMB. SUPERVISOR
11 KUEHL, I FIRST OF ALL ON BEHALF OF MY WIFE WANT TO THANK YOU
12 FOR THE NURSES SAFE STAFFING BILL. YOU HAVE A DEAR PLACE IN
13 OUR FAMILY'S HEART BECAUSE OF THAT. THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT
14 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN A VIOLENT, OUT OF CONTROL
15 AGENCY FOR THE ENTIRETY OF MY LIFETIME, 57 YEARS. THERE'S ALSO
16 NO QUESTION THAT THIS BOARD CAN BUILD A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
17 COMMISSION WITH TEETH. I THINK THE WAY FORWARD IS TO LOOK TO
18 THE PAST. 120 YEARS AGO TEDDY ROOSEVELT ESTABLISHED IN NEW
19 YORK CITY A POLICE COMMISSION BECAUSE THAT COMMISSION WAS
20 CORRUPT. THEY WEEDED OUT THE CORRUPTION. AND HIS METHOD OF
21 DOING THAT ACTUALLY BECAME THE MODEL FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S TRUTH
22 AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION WHICH AVERTED A VIOLENT, BLOODY
23 CIVIL WAR IN THAT COUNTRY. SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE AN
24 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION THAT HAS SUBPOENA POWER AND THAT ALSO
25 WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE PROSECUTOR AND THAT CAN ACTUALLY HAVE

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1 PEOPLE COME AND TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT THEY'VE DONE AND GET
2 FORGIVENESS AND MOVE ON IN THE LIGHT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, STEVE. MICHELLE CERELLA.

5

6 **SHANNON SOAPER:** I'M SHANNON SOAPER AND WITH DIGNITY AND POWER
7 NOW AND I'VE ALSO BEEN INSIDE THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS. AND WHEN
8 I WAS THERE, I SAW A LOT OF THINGS. AND WHEN I GOT OUT, I WAS
9 WORRIED ABOUT HOW I CAN GET THESE GIRLS THAT HAVE BEEN HOLDING
10 FOR 30 HOURS, WATER. I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THEM BEING BEATEN AND
11 RAPED. AND ABOUT MANY OF THE THINGS I HAD SEEN. WHEN I GOT
12 OUT, I WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT HOW THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS GOING
13 TO GET ACCESS TO PAPERWORK OR BUREAUCRACY OR WHAT WENT WRONG
14 WITH OVERSIGHT COMMISSIONS IN THE PAST. I WAS LOOKING TO SOLVE
15 REAL PROBLEMS IN REAL TIME. AND THESE GIRLS IN THOSE JAILS
16 CAN'T WAIT. THIS STUFF HAS TO BE DONE NOW AND IT HAS TO BE
17 DONE RIGHT AND IT HAS TO BE EFFECTIVE. AND THAT MEANS HAVING
18 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE POWER, HAVING SUBPOENA POWER, HAVING
19 A NINE-MEMBER BOARD WHERE FOUR MEMBERS ARE COMMUNITY
20 APPOINTED. THAT THEY ACTUALLY GUIDE THE WORK OF THE INSPECTOR
21 GENERAL. AND THAT THERE IS NO LAW ENFORCEMENT. THESE ARE
22 REALLY CLEAR SIMPLE THINGS THAT I DON'T EVEN THINK WE NEED TO
23 ASK FOR IN ORDER FOR THE BOARD TO BE EFFECTIVE. LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT, OBVIOUSLY, WOULD BE BAD ON A BOARD THAT'S TRYING
25 TO OVERSEE CORRUPT LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **SHANNON SOAPER:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALONI BONILLA.

7

8 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** I AM LINDA LOCKWOOD. AND PART OF MY BACKGROUND
9 IS THAT I SERVED AS THE CO-CHAIR WITH BERNARD PARKS OF OUR
10 POLICE- COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD SUMMIT. AND I'VE HEARD A LOT
11 OF THINGS TODAY ABOUT OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HOW IT DOESN'T
12 WORK IN THIS ARENA AND I DON'T AGREE WITH THAT. I THINK WE CAN
13 BORROW A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE DID WORK OUT. WE JUST CAME OUT
14 OF A 10-YEAR CONSENT DECREE. I WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE US GO
15 BACK INTO IT ON THE COUNTY LEVEL AND I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO.
16 I TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL WHEN HE THINKS
17 THAT PROTESTING ON THE STREETS OR PUBLICLY COMING IN THIS
18 ARENA HAVING ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS YOU IS ENOUGH FOR THE
19 COMMUNITY'S INPUT IN THIS MANNER. THAT'S ABSURD. I ALSO AGREE
20 AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BROUGHT THIS
21 TO US BECAUSE WE'VE REACHED CRITICAL MASS HERE. WE'RE OUT OF
22 TIME. WE CAN'T PLAY ANY LONGER. THE THINGS THAT I WOULD LIKE
23 TO BRING YOU OUT OF MY EXPERIENCE THAT HAVE WORKED IS THAT THE
24 COMMISSION IS NOT JUST FOR OVERSIGHTS OF WHAT THE SHERIFFS ARE
25 DOING WRONG. IT IS TO START LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN IMPROVE. AND

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1 IF WE DON'T LOOK AND TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AS THE NO. 1
2 ISSUE HERE OF TEACHING THE SHERIFFS HOW TO RESPOND TO MENTALLY
3 ILL PATIENTS WHO THEY HAVE TO ARREST BECAUSE OUR MENTAL
4 DEPARTMENTS HAVE FAILED IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO TRY TO PUT THIS
5 TOGETHER. SO THE BUCK ENDS WITH THE SHERIFF. ENDS WITH HIS
6 ARRESTING. ENDS WITH THAT PERSON GOING TO OUR JAILS. ENDS WITH
7 OUR JAILS BEING OVERCROWDED WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT CRIMINALS
8 BUT ACTUALLY MENTALLY ILL. WHAT WE DID IN THE POLICE
9 DEPARTMENT THAT REALLY DID WORK IS SET UP COMMUNITY ADVISORY
10 COUNCILS. WE SET UP POLICING THAT WAY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ROSITA
13 CASTELAR. YES, SIR.

14

15 **KWAZI NKRUMAH:** MY NAME IS KWAZI NKRUMAH AND I'M THE CO-CHAIR
16 OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING COALITION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. I
17 WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, SHEILA KUEHL AND
18 HILDA SOLIS FOR TRYING TO GET AHEAD OF THE STORM. THERE IS A
19 STORM ALREADY BREAKING LOOSE IN AMERICA. AND THERE'S A BIGGER
20 ONE COMING BECAUSE NOT JUST THE POLICE BUT GOVERNMENT IN
21 GENERAL HAVE BECOME CLOSED CIRCLES WHICH ARE NOT RESPONSIVE TO
22 THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO SERVE. YOU KNOW,
23 WHEN PEOPLE COME HERE TO ADDRESS ISSUES LIKE THIS, THEY ARE
24 TALKING ABOUT THESE WORDS ON THE WALL HERE, THE "GOVERNMENT OF
25 THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH

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1 FROM THE EARTH." BUT WE KNOW THAT GOVERNMENT WASN'T ALWAYS
2 ABOUT THE PEOPLE. BACK IN FEUDALISM YOU HAD ARMED BODIES OF
3 MEN WHO SEPARATED AND PROTECTED THOSE WHO WERE THE HAVES
4 AGAINST THE HAVE-NOTS. THAT WAS WHAT DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONS
5 WERE ABOUT YEARS AGO. BUT WE ARE DEALING WITH A SITUATION
6 WHERE OUR DEMOCRACY IS BROKEN DOWN. AND THESE CLOSED CIRCLES
7 DO NOT WORK. WE HAVE TO HAVE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUBLIC
8 INPUT AND, FRANKLY, WE NEED PUBLIC CONTROL OF OUR POLICE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME
11 ALSO CALL UP PATRICIA RUSSELL. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **MICHELLE ZORRILLA:** HI, MY NAME IS MICHELLE ZORRILLA AND I AM
14 THE PUBLIC AND HERE IS MY OBSERVATION. AS A FORMERLY
15 INCARCERATED INMATE AT LYNWOOD DETENTION FACILITY, INNOCENT OF
16 ALL CHARGES, I WAS SUBJECTED TO PHYSICAL ABUSE, MENTAL ABUSE,
17 SEXUAL ABUSE. I WAS PROPOSITIONED FOR SEX AND DRUGS BY
18 OFFICERS. AND THE DAY THAT I WAS RELEASED, I HAD INJURED MY
19 SHOULDER AND GONE UPSTAIRS TO BE SEEN BY THE DOCTOR AND THE
20 TECHNICIAN CAME OUT AND HIS PANTS AROUND HIS ANKLES AND HIS
21 PENIS IN HIS HAND JACKING OFF IN FRONT OF ME AND WHEN I
22 REPORTED THAT, I WAS CUT LOOSE AT 3:00 IN THE MORNING ON THE
23 STREETS. ALL BY MYSELF IN THE DARK WITH NO ONE THERE. SO YES.
24 YOU NEED THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT PANEL. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT

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1 FOR ACCOUNTABILITY. AND I AM DEFINITELY ONE PERSON THAT
2 SUPPORTS IT 100 PERCENT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ALEX
5 ALVAREZ. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **ALANI:** MY NAME IS ALANI AND I AM A SURVIVOR OF POLICE
8 BRUTALITY ORGANIZING WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION.
9 INCRIMINATE A VICTIM TO JUSTIFY YOUR ACTIONS I CAN'T LET THIS
10 GO KNOWING YOU'RE STILL ON PATROL. I CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO
11 BUT THE COURTS PROTECT THEIR OWN AND WHERE DO WE COMPLAIN TO
12 THE SAME ORGANIZATION THAT ABUSES US? IT'S LIKE A GAME. THESE
13 PLAYERS HAVE NO SHAME. THEY COVER UP THEIR TRACKS. THEY GOT
14 EACH OTHER'S BACKS. IT'S NOT ABOUT THE FACTS. IT'S ABOUT WHERE
15 YOU'RE AT. WHAT YOU KNOW. GOT TO SAY. THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG
16 WITH THAT. BUT I'LL PRAY FOR YOU. THE D.A., THE JUDGE AND
17 EVERYONE YOU LIED TO. CAN'T HIDE FROM THE TRUTH. BECAUSE GOD'S
18 LIGHT SHINES RIGHT THROUGH. AFTER BEING BRUTALLY BEATEN AND
19 STILL SEEKING JUSTICE AFTER TWO YEARS, I URGE YOU TO TAKE
20 ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE A MODEL FOR THE NATION AT
21 THIS VERY CRUCIAL MOMENT WHERE MISTRUST IS ON THE RISE AND
22 LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY EXISTS. STOP DELAYING. STOP DELAYING.
23 STOP DELAYING. [APPLAUSE]

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LINDA
2 BRADLEY? LINDA BRADLEY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, POINT OF ORDER.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING
9 THAT THERE ARE RULES OF DECORUM IN THE BOARDROOM. AND IT HAS
10 BEEN MADE CLEAR WHAT THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU NEED TO CONDUCT
11 YOURSELF IS. RAISE THE ROOF. THERE IS NO CHEERING. THERE IS NO
12 APPLAUDING AND THE LIKE IN THE BOARDROOM. ONE SET OF RULES FOR
13 EVERYONE. MR. CHAIRMAN, MAYOR, I WOULD HOPE THAT EVERYONE
14 COULD GOVERN HIM OR HERSELF, THEMSELVES ACCORDINGLY. THAT WAY
15 WE DON'T HAVE ISSUES. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP LINDA BAILEY. YES,
18 MA'AM.

19

20 **ROSITA CASTELAR:** HI, MY NAME IS ROSITA CASTELAR, MY DAUGHTER
21 WAS THE ONE WHO JUST SPOKE NOW. I'M NOT ONLY SPEAKING FOR
22 ALONI BONILLA, I'M SPEAKING BY ALL THE MOTHERS SINCE I STARTED
23 FIGHTING THIS FIGHT WHO HAVE CRIED ON MY SHOULDERS. PEOPLE WHO
24 HAVE NEVER, EVER SPOKEN AGAINST WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM BECAUSE
25 THEY WERE AFRAID. WHO WERE THEY GOING TO BELIEVE? ME OR YOU?

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1 GENOCIDE. I HEARD THE BEGINNING OF THE OPENING WHEN I CAME IN
2 AND I SAID ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?
3 WE'RE LIVING IN FEAR. YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING IN FEAR,
4 ARE AFRAID, NOT ONLY ARE THE PEOPLE IN FEAR, THERE IS GOOD LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT THAT IS TIRED, AS WELL. AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHO TO
6 GO TO. AND YOU'RE MAKING THOSE POLICE OFFICERS, THOSE LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT AFRAID. NOT ONLY THE PEOPLE, BUT LAW ENFORCEMENT
8 IS AFRAID. WHO DO WE TURN TO?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

11

12 **ALEX ALVAREZ:** OH, SORRY. HELLO, MY NAME IS ALEX ALVAREZ AND
13 I'M ORGANIZER WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I AM VERY HAPPY THAT
14 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT WILL BE VOTED ON ONCE AGAIN AND I AM
15 CONFIDENT THAT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT WILL PASS BECAUSE IT WILL BE
16 BENEFICIAL FOR THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES AS AFFECTED BY THE
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE
18 AFFECTED BY THE HORRIBLE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. THIS INCLUDES
19 TRANSGENDER AND QUEER FOLKS IN AND OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY JAIL.
20 THIS YEAR ALONE THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY DEATHS OF TRANS FOLKS
21 THAT HAS DEVASTATED THE TRANS COMMUNITY. ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING
22 THAT QUEER AND TRANS FOLKS INSIDE OF JAILS ARE ALSO VICTIMS OF
23 SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE AND CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT WILL NOT LEAVE THEM
24 IN THE DARK. TO MAKE IT KNOWN I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT KNOWN
25 THAT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS NOT THE END. IT IS ONLY THE

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1 BEGINNING TO END STATE VIOLENCE NOT ONLY LOS ANGELES BUT THE
2 REST OF THE COUNTRY. WE AS THE COMMUNITY WANT TO MAKE SURE
3 THAT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT HAS THE FIVE NON-NEGOTIABLE DEMANDS
4 THAT DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF'S
5 VIOLENCE INSIDE OF L.A. COUNTY JAILS HAS AGREED TO. THANKS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. EVAN BUNCH. JAMES PORTER.
8 ROBERT TARDENTIA. YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL AND I'M A MEMBER
11 OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS. MY SON WAS IN L.A.
12 COUNTY JAIL ON THE MENTAL HEALTH PART OF THE JAIL WHERE HE
13 ALMOST DIED OF KIDNEY FAILURE. IT'S A MIRACLE THAT HE'S STILL
14 BREATHING. I DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE TO GO TO TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT
15 HAPPENED TO HIM SO IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO OTHERS INMATES. I'M
16 SO GLAD THAT THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION I BELIEVE IS GOING TO
17 PASS AND I CONGRATULATE THE NEW BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SHEILA
18 KUEHL AND HILDA SOLIS. AND I APPRECIATE MR. THOMAS' EFFORTS
19 AND DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. THIS WILL GIVE FAMILIES A PLACE TO
20 GO IF THEY KNOW THAT THEIR LOVED ONES ARE IN DANGER. AND IT
21 WOULD GIVE THEM HOPE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE CALL UP JERRY SILVA.
24 YES, SIR.

25

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1 **EVAN BUNCH:** MY NAME IS EVAN BUNCH. ORGANIZER FOR DIGNITY AND
2 POWER NOW. THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD ABOUT
3 ENDING SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN LOS ANGELES JAILS. DIGNITY AND
4 POWER NOW STARTED. THE WORK OF THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD TWO
5 YEARS AGO A CONSEQUENCE OF PATRICE CULLORS' EX-BROTHER MONTY
6 WAS BEAT IN A POOL OF HIS OWN BLOOD BY SHERIFFS. I COME NEW TO
7 LOS ANGELES FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER
8 1ST. AND DURING OUTREACH, MANY IMPACTED FOLKS HAVE MENTIONED
9 THE ROUTINE FLASHLIGHT TREATMENT, THE SHERIFF GAME CALLED THE
10 3,000 BOYS WHO ARE SHERIFFS ON THE THIRD FLOOR WHO WOULD TAKE
11 YOU OFF CAMERA TO BEAT YOU SENSELESSLY. AND JUST RECENTLY ONE
12 OF OUR NEW MEMBERS, HER HUSBAND WAS RECENTLY GUNNED DOWN IN
13 HIS OWN DRIVEWAY. THIS CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD IS LONG OVERDUE.
14 AND MISS LANA, WHOSE HUSBAND WAS KILLED, SAID THAT THANKS TO
15 THE SHERIFFS, HER HUSBAND'S DREAMS HAVE BEEN CUT AWAY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **EVAN BUNCH:** SO WHO TOOK THE CUT FOR YOU?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CANEK PENA-VARGAS AND SIDNEY ROSS-
22 RISDEN. YES SIR.

23

24 **JAMES PORTER:** CAN WE START? MY NAME IS JAMES. AND I AM WITH
25 THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK KNOWN AS L.A. CAN. WE

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1 ARE HERE ONCE AGAIN TO CALL ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO NOT
2 ONLY SUPPORT A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD OF THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT BUT TO IMPLEMENT ONE THAT IS TRULY SUPPORTED BY AND
4 REFLECTIVE OF THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. THIS MEANS INCLUDING
5 FIVE NONNEGOTIABLE CONDITIONS PRESENTED BY DIGNITY AND POWER
6 NOW. I WORKED AND LIVE IN SKID ROW. AND EVERY DAY I HEAR
7 STORIES OF ABUSE IN JAIL. I EXPERIENCED IT MYSELF. IT MUST
8 STOP. WE ARE HERE TO WELCOME THE NEW SUPERVISORS AND ARE
9 EXCITED TO HAVE SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD. NOW WE MUST MAKE SURE
10 IT IS A BODY THAT CAN TRULY HOLD THE SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE. THE
11 ABUSE AND VIOLENCE HAS TO STOP. WE SUPPORT DIGNITY AND POWER
12 NOW.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. I ALSO CALL UP BRANDY
15 BROWN. BRANDY BROWN? YES, SIR.

16

17 **ROBERT ZARDENETA:** MY NAME IS ROBERT ZARDENETA, I'M THE FOUNDER
18 OF CALO YOUTH BUILD AND I'M ALSO LIFE LONG RESIDENT OF THE
19 FIRST DISTRICT. I WANT TO FIRST APPRECIATE ALL MY YOUNG FOLKS
20 AND MY STAFF WHO HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY OVER THE PAST TWO
21 YEARS TO ADVOCATE FOR THE COMMISSION. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY THOMAS' AND SOLIS' MOTION TO CREATE THE
23 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I ALSO WANT
24 TO RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS OF MY COMMUNITY WHO ARE VICTIMS OF
25 POLICE VIOLENCE: JOURNALIST RUBEN SALAZAR, LA CALO YOUTH

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1 GRADUATE EDUARDO BARUMES, RICARDO LARA, CARLOS OLIVAS, IZEL
2 FORD, STEVEN RODRIGUEZ AND LA CASA GRADUATE ROBERT CADILLO AND
3 HIS BROTHER GABRIEL WHO ARE LITERALLY THE FACE OF SHERIFF'S
4 VIOLENCE IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS. I HOPE THAT MY YOUNG FOLKS WHO
5 MANY OF WHOM LIVE IN COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY'RE THE VICTIMS OF
6 SUCH VIOLENCE ARE ABLE TO BE EMPOWERED TO BE A PART OF THIS
7 COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP ROBERT
10 GORDH. YES, SIR.

11

12 **CANEK PENA-VARGAS:** HI, MY NAME IS CANEK PENA-VARGAS AND I'M
13 HERE REPRESENTING YOUTH BUILD BOYLE HEIGHTS AND THE ACADEMY
14 AND THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE IN L.A. JAILS. I'M
15 HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM NO. 2 FOR THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD.
16 REASON BEING SIMPLE I SUPPORT DEMOCRACY AND I SUPPORT HUMAN
17 RIGHTS. FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH YOUNG
18 PEOPLE ON THE EAST SIDE ON BOYLE HEIGHTS AROUND THIS ISSUE AND
19 I'VE HEARD MANY TESTIMONIES ABOUT THE VIOLENCE, THE ABUSE, THE
20 CORRUPTION, THE TORTURE THAT HAPPENS IN THE JAILS AS WELL AS
21 ON THE STREETS. I'VE LIVED THROUGH THE EXPERIENCE OF HAVING
22 LOST SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO SHERIFF
23 VIOLENCE. AND RECENTLY YOUTH BUILD GRADUATE. EARLIER IT WAS
24 MENTION THAT HAD ABUSE AND SCANDAL HAPPEN AT A HEIGHT OF
25 OVERSIGHT. HOWEVER, OVERSIGHT DID NOT CAUSE THE ABUSE. IT SHED

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1 LIGHT ON AN ISSUE WHICH EXISTED FOR SOMETIME NOW. WE NEED TO
2 IMPROVE AND EMPOWER OVERSIGHT TO ROOT OUT CORRUPTION AND TO
3 BEGIN TO HEAL OUR COMMUNITY. CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT SHOULD ALSO
4 INCLUDE THESE FIVE NONNEGOTIABLE PIECES. THE COMMISSION SHOULD
5 INCLUDE SUBPOENA POWER, NINE MEMBERS, FOUR OF WHICH ARE
6 COMMUNITY PARTNERS. WE'RE LOOKING TO HILDA SOLIS. WE'RE SO
7 GLAD YOU'RE WITH US NOW TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THAT
8 REPRESENTATION FROM THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN
9 L.A. JAILS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. TANNISHA DINNARD. YES,
12 MA'AM.

13

14 **SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN:** MY NAME IS SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN FROM THE
15 GLOBAL WOMEN'S STRIKE L.A. AND WE JOIN IN URGING YOU TO CREATE
16 AN INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. CONTINUING VIOLENCE BY
17 SHERIFFS IN OUR AND VIOLENCE AND CORRUPTION IN L.A.'S JAILS
18 ARE WELL DOCUMENTED. AS THE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION, WE UNDERLINE
19 THE NEED FOR A CITIZEN'S CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT TO ADDRESS
20 VIOLENCE IN THE WOMEN'S JAIL IN LYNWOOD. VIOLENCE INCLUDING
21 RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT WHICH HAS INCREASED OVER THE PAST
22 YEAR. AS WELL, WOMEN WHO ARE INCARCERATED MUST BE ASSURED
23 ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE AND OTHER SERVICES. CIVILIAN
24 OVERSIGHT IS A CRITICAL START. WE ALSO CONTINUE TO URGE YOU TO
25 STOP THE MULTIBILLION DOLLARS NEW JAIL CONSTRUCTION PLAN,

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1 INCLUDING THE NEW WOMEN'S VILLAGE AND USE THE MONEY THAT'S
2 SAVED TO ADDRESS THE CRUSHING POVERTY IN L.A.'S COMMUNITIES,
3 MANY OF THEM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WHICH RESULT IN THE
4 CRIMINALIZATION OF SO MANY WOMEN. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ROBERT CHRISTO. YES, MA'AM?

7

8 **BRANDY BROWN:** HI, MY NAME IS BRANDY BROWN AND I WAS A YOUTH
9 JUSTICE COALITION. I'M HERE BECAUSE FOR EFFECTIVE CITIZEN
10 OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERIFFS. IT'S BEEN TOO MANY KILLINGS GOING
11 ON IN OUR BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. I HAVE TALKED TO
12 FAMILIES AND MARCHED WITH FAMILIES FOR JUSTICE. BUT I KNOW ONE
13 THING. WE CAN'T GET JUSTICE WITHOUT CHANGE. THAT'S WHY WE NEED
14 EFFECTIVE CITIZEN OVERSIGHT BECAUSE I WILL NOT BURY MY CHILD.
15 IT'S SAD ENOUGH I HAVE TO BURY SOME OF MY FRIENDS. SO I THANK
16 SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND SOLIS FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER. THANK
17 YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ABRAHAM KOLUNGA? YES, SIR.

20

21 **BOB GORDH:** MY NAME IS BOB GORDH. I'M FROM L.A. NO MORE JAILS.
22 I RECENTLY READ A BOOK CALLED "THE LUCIFER EFFECT" BY DR.
23 PHILIP ZIMBARDO THAT WAS LARGELY ABOUT THE ABUSES THAT ABU
24 GHRAIB, THE PRISON IN IRAQ. THE BOOK MAKES IT CLEAR HOW EASY
25 IT IS FOR A CULTURE OF LAWLESSNESS TO SET IN WITH AMONG THOSE

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1 WHO IMPRISON OTHER HUMAN BEINGS. AND IN THIS KIND OF CULTURE,
2 IT BECOMES COMMON AND ACCEPTED TO TREAT THOSE WHO ARE
3 IMPRISONED AS LESS THAN HUMAN BEINGS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE
4 THAT THAT'S NOT HAPPENING UNDER OUR WATCH AND IN OUR NAMES IN
5 L.A. COUNTY. THEREFORE, I APPLAUD THE MOTION TO CREATE THE
6 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. PETER DE LA PENA. MORGAN
9 WILLIAMS. AND MICHELLE WATSON. YES, MA'AM.

10

11 **TANISHA DENARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TANISHA I'M WITH
12 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M IN SUPPORT
13 OF ITEM NO. 2. WE ARE NOW AT NUMBER 601 IN L.A. COUNTY PEOPLE
14 THAT WERE KILLED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT IS TIME THAT WE
15 IMPLEMENT A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. WE WANT TO HOLD PEOPLE
16 ACCOUNTABLE SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE INCLUDE COMMUNITY INSIDE
17 OF THIS. SO I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND SOLIS FOR
18 TAKING THIS INITIATIVE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THIS
19 LAYOUT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL
22 BE CHRISTINE WANG. ARNOLD SACHS. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. DON STACK
23 IF YOU COULD BE IN THE QUEUE AND BE PREPARED TO COME FORWARD
24 THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. PLEASE PROCEED.

25

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1 **ABRAHAM COLUNGA:** MY NAME IS ABRAHAM. THE REASON I'M HERE IS
2 I'M IN FAVOR OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. I HAVE EXPERIENCE
3 SHERIFF'S BRUTALITY WITH 3,000 BOYS AND 2,000 BOYS. THERE WAS
4 NO ONE TO CRY TO. I WAS CONTINUALLY MOVED IN THE SYSTEM. I
5 TRULY BELIEVED THAT IF THERE WAS A COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT IN THAT
6 POINT IN TIME THE BEATINGS I TOOK AND OTHER INMATES TOOK WOULD
7 HAVE NEVER TAKEN PLACE. IN ORDER FOR THE OVERSIGHT TO WORK IT
8 NEEDS TO BE BY FIVE NONNEGOTIABLE SUBPOENA POWER AND
9 INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL MADE UP OF NINE MEMBERS, FIVE
10 APPOINTED BY THE BOARD, FOUR SELECTED FROM A POOL CREATED BY
11 COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND DIRECT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF
12 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT
13 OR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT. INVEST IN CIVILIAN REVIEW AND
14 COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS, NOT MORE JAILS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
17 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **PETER DE LA PENA:** MY NAME IS PETER DE LA PENA. I'M A DISABLED
20 VETERAN, ALSO MEMBER OF THE FIRST DISTRICT FOR 65 YEARS AND
21 CURRENTLY SERVED IN MOST OUR THEATERS AND HAVE COME A LONG
22 WAYS JUST TO HEAR THIS SUBJECT MATTER. VERY SIMPLY, THE
23 GENTLEMAN THAT CAME IN THAT DID YOUR REVIEW HAVE TOUCHED ON
24 ALL THE POINTS THAT ARE CRITICAL AND QUESTIONABLE IN REGARDS
25 TO THE LEGALITIES, LAUDE, LAUDE, LAUDE, BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS

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1 THIS: THE NEW SHERIFF HAS MADE A PROMISE TO TAKE A DIFFERENT
2 COURSE OF ACTION. AND WE HAVE TO TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD. WHY?
3 BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN RIGHT NOW. AND IF WE
4 DON'T, YOU'LL HAVE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DOWN HERE IN TWO
5 MORE YEARS. NOW, AS FAR AS CASUALTIES, WE HAVE A LOT OF
6 OFFICERS WE'VE LOST. AND WE'VE LOST A LOT, A LOT OF FAMILIES.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **MORGAN WILLIAMS:** HI, MY NAME IS MORGAN WILLIAMS AND I'M A
11 YOUTH ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. CIVILIAN
12 OVERSIGHT IS AN ENTITY THAT IS LONG OVERDUE IN LOS ANGELES AND
13 THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. THREE MONTHS AGO, THE ORGANIZATION I
14 WORK WITH YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION PUBLISHED A REPORT STATING
15 THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS KILLED 587
16 PEOPLE. AND JUST THREE SHORT MONTHS, THE NUMBER GREW TO OVER
17 601 PEOPLE AS OF SUNDAY. MANY OF THESE KILLINGS ARE CAUSED BY
18 COUNTY SHERIFFS. IT PAINS ME TO KNOW HOW MUCH MY BLACK AND
19 BROWN BROTHERS AND SISTERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS COUNTRY
20 YET WE HAVE THE LEAST AMOUNT OF SAY SO IN THE WAY THE SHERIFFS
21 TREAT OUR PEOPLE WHEN WE ARE MOST AFFECTED. I STRONGLY FEEL
22 THAT AMERICA IS A COUNTRY OF FALSE ADVERTISING, CLAIMING TO BE
23 A NATION OF UNITED STATES, YET WE OUTCAST CITIZENS FOR THE WAY
24 THEY LOOK. SO I JUST WANT YOU GUYS TO PLEASE DO WHAT'S RIGHT.
25 THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

3

4 **MICHELLE WATSON:** MY NAME IS MICHELLE WATSON AND I'M ALSO FROM
5 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. THE WAY THE MEDIA IS SET UP YOU WOULD
6 THINK FERGUSON, MISSOURI, OR CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, OR NEW YORK,
7 NEW YORK WAS THE POLICE CRIME CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. BUT THEY
8 ARE NOT. LOS ANGELES IS THE POLICE CRIME CAPITAL OF THE WORLD
9 AND LOS ANGELES LEADS THE NATION IN INJUSTICE. THE L.A.P.D.
10 AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LEAD THE NATION IN OFFICER-
11 INVOLVED MURDERS AND BRUTALITIES. WE THE PEOPLE, WE THE
12 COMMUNITY, WE THE FOUNDATION OF DEMOCRACY, WE DEMAND THAT
13 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT THE WHICH WILL GIVE US SOME, JUST A LITTLE
14 BIT OF POWER OVER THE POLICE AND OUR TAX DOLLARS. WE ALSO
15 DEMAND TO DIVERT AT LEAST, AT LEAST 1 PERCENT OF THE L.A.
16 COUNTY POLICE BUDGET BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY TO FUND 50 YOUTH
17 CENTERS, 500 COMMUNITY INTERVENTIONISTS AND 25,000 YOUTH JOBS
18 BECAUSE THE L.A. COMMUNITY IS FED UP AND CHANGE WILL PREVAIL
19 BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **CHRISTINE WANG:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRISTINE WANG. I'M WITH
24 C.R.L.A. AND L.A. NO MORE JAILS. RIGHT NOW PRISON INDUSTRIAL
25 COMPLEX, P.I.C. ABOLITIONISTS ARE IMAGINING A WORLD WITHOUT

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1 PRISONS AND JAIL. THE P.I.C. IS AN INSTITUTION THAT USES
2 RAPIST LOGIC AND LAWS TO INTIMIDATE, INCARCERATE AND KILL
3 PEOPLE OF COLOR. I HOPE A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WILL
4 HELP INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND ALLEVIATE VIOLENCE. I HOPE THE
5 COMMISSION WILL HAVE SUBPOENA POWER. I KNOW THAT IF YOU
6 CONTINUE THE 2.3 BILLION JAIL EXPANSION, THE TASKS OF THE
7 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT. I KNOW
8 THAT YOU CANNOT REFORM THE SHERIFFS IN ONE HAND AND THEN IN
9 YOUR OTHER HAND PERPETUATE STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE BY EXPANDING A
10 SYSTEM THAT LOCKS UP POOR PEOPLE, HOMELESS PEOPLE AND MOTHERS.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE
14 CLAVREUL. IT IS THE FIRST TIME I DON'T SPEAK ABOUT HEALTH AND
15 IT'S BECAUSE I'M TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF HAVING AN OVERSIGHT
16 COMMITTEE. I THINK WE HAVE A NEW SHERIFF WHO HAS EXPRESSED HIS
17 DESIRE TO DO THE RIGHT THING. WE HAVE TWO NEW SUPERVISORS WHO
18 ARE COMING WITH NEW IDEAS. AND I THINK IT'S A TIME TO DO IT
19 RIGHT. I THINK IN SOCIETY WITHOUT LAW DOES NOT PROSPER AND
20 DOES NOT SURVIVE. SO I AM A STRONG BELIEVER TO DOING WHAT IS
21 RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

24

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1 **DON STECK:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. I AM DON STECK, THE
2 PRESIDENT OF A.L.A.D.S., THE ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES DEPUTY
3 SHERIFFS AND I'M 16 YEAR VETERAN OF THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT. DEPUTY SHERIFF'S AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY
5 INVESTIGATORS FULLY SUPPORT YOUR AIM OF PROMOTING
6 TRANSPARENCY, RESTORING THE PUBLIC'S TRUST AND VALID REFORM
7 EFFORTS. YOU'LL FIND NO GREATER PROPONENT OF HOLDING OUR
8 SHERIFF DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABLE. IF CIVILIAN
9 OVERSIGHT IS ANOTHER MECHANISM CHOSEN BY YOUR BOARD THEN ON
10 BEHALF OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS WE ASK THAT YOU
11 ALLOW OUR INPUT AS PART OF THE WORKING GROUP AND THE
12 COMMISSION ITSELF. OUR DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY
13 INVESTIGATORS WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
14 HAVE INPUT AS THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS ARE MADE RATHER THAN
15 POINTING OUT THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES AFTER THE CIVILIAN
16 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION STRUCTURES ARE SET IN PLACE. ON BEHALF OF
17 THE A.L.A.D.S. MEMBERS, WE THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US
18 TODAY.

19
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL ALSO BRIAN MORIGUCHI AND
25 REINA SCHMITZ.

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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. JAIL VIOLENCE. GUN VIOLENCE. GUN
3 VIOLENCE HAS THE BILL OF RIGHTS. CAMPUS SHOOTINGS. SCHOOL
4 SHOOTINGS, GOING POSTAL. A.R.A. STANDS BEHIND THE BILL OF
5 RIGHTS. WHAT ABOUT THE OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS? WE HAVEN'T
6 HEARD ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT. WHAT IS THE OFFICERS' BILL OF
7 RIGHTS? DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHAT IT INCLUDES IN THE OFFICERS'
8 BILL OF RIGHTS? YOU MAY KNOW. BUT DOES THE PUBLIC KNOW? PEOPLE
9 TALK ABOUT SUBPOENAS. NOT A LOT THAT HELPS THE BILL OF RIGHTS,
10 WHO WINS? MAX HUNTSMAN SAID HE COULD BE FIRED BY THE
11 COMMISSION BUT HE WAS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD. SUPERVISOR
12 KNABE, YOU DIDN'T CORRECT HIM. YET YOU CORRECTED SOME YOUNG
13 LADY TALKING ABOUT HOW YOU BURIED SOME PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE
14 GONE THROUGH THE JAIL SYSTEM. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU MENTIONED
15 ONE SET OF RULES FOR ALL. NO APPLAUSE. DO YOU REMEMBER HOW THE
16 MEETING STARTED TODAY? WITH APPLAUSE? AND CLAPPING? WHAT'S THE
17 ONE SET OF RULES? IT'S WHAT YOU SAY. THAT'S NO RULES AND
18 THAT'S NO COMMISSION.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ONE SET OF RULES IS YOUR TIME HAS
21 EXPIRED.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP JEFF JAGGERS.
24 TERESA EILERS, YES, SIR.

25

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1 **BRIAN MORIGUCHI:** I'M SORRY. I APOLOGIZE. AS SOME OF YOU MAY
2 REMEMBER, I CAME BEFORE THIS BOARD OVER 10 YEARS AGO ASKING
3 FOR OVERSIGHT. I BELIEVE THAT TODAY. I BELIEVE THAT WE DO NEED
4 OVERSIGHT BUT WHAT WE NEED IS EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT. THIS BOARD
5 HAS MADE MISTAKES IN THE PAST BY CREATING OVERSIGHT THAT HAS
6 BEEN INEFFECTIVE. YOU ARE PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE
7 TODAY. YOU HAVE A WORKING GROUP WHICH IS A GOOD IDEA. THEY'RE
8 THE ONES THAT NEED TO PRESENT FACTS BACK TO YOU SO THAT YOU
9 CAN MAKE A DECISION ON WHETHER CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS THE RIGHT
10 COURSE OF ACTION. ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU MAKE THE RIGHT
11 DECISION HERE AND NOT LET POLITICS OR EMOTION DRIVE YOUR
12 DECISION. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE?

15

16 **BRIAN MORIGUCHI:** BRIAN MORUGUCHI, PRESIDENT OF THE
17 PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **ROBERT CRISTO:** HI, MY NAME IS ROBERT CRISTO. I AM AN ORGANIZER
22 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. THE BOARD OWES INCARCERATED
23 PEOPLE HUMANE TREATMENT. FOR FAR TOO LONG, THOSE INCARCERATED
24 HAVE BEEN DENIED THIS. VIOLENT ABUSES AT THE HANDS OF THEIR
25 JAILERS HAVE BECOME COMMON PRACTICE. THIS INSTITUTIONAL

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1 VIOLENCE HAS SPILLED OVER INTO THE STREETS. IT HAS NAMES SUCH
2 AS JOHNNY MARTINEZ, RICARDO LARA AND EDUARDO MUNEZ WHOSE
3 FAMILIES' LIVES HAVE NOW BEEN FOREVER CHANGED AT THE HANDS OF
4 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I ASK THE BOARD'S SUPPORT A CIVILIAN
5 REVIEW BOARD SO THAT SHERIFFS CAN THINK TWICE BEFORE PULLING
6 THEIR BATONS AND PULLING THE TRIGGER. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP PETER ELISABURG
9 AND JABRIEL MUHAMMAD.

10

11 **REINA SCHMITZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REINA SCHMITZ: AND I
12 HAVE LIVED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LA PUENTE FOR OVER 28
13 YEARS AND I'M HERE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT IT'S EXTREMELY
14 IMPORTANT FOR ME AS A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY NOT ONLY TO BE
15 SUPPORTED BY MY SUPERVISOR AND THE DISTRICT I LIVE IN BUT BY
16 ALL OF YOU. AND KNOWING THAT THERE WOULD BE TRANSPARENCY IN
17 L.A. COUNTY, IT WOULD GIVE US A LOT OF PEACE OF MIND NOT ONLY
18 IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE LIVE IN BUT ALSO FOR INDIVIDUALS
19 WHO ARE INCARCERATED FOR WHATEVER REASON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
20 AND WE SUPPORT THIS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP -- YES, SIR.

23

24 **JEFF JAGGERS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JEFF JAGGERS. I AM
25 FOUNDER AND GENERAL MANAGER OF K.T.N.G. 860 A.M., VOICE OF THE

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1 VOICELESS RADIO, INTERNET RADIO, THAT IS. AND MOST
2 IMPORTANTLY, I AM A UNITED STATES MAY MARINE CORPS VETERAN,
3 FOUR YEARS, SUFFERING FROM POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND
4 MOST IMPORTANTLY ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE. THEREFORE, THE
5 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD SHOULD GO THROUGH BECAUSE IT IS
6 NECESSARY. ANY TIME THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE CAN MAKE
7 RULES TO GOVERN A SET BODY TO INFLICT PAIN, MISERY AND
8 DISCRETIONARY VIOLENCE, I MEAN DISCRETIONARY, IT REALLY
9 DOESN'T SOUND MUCH BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY IT SOUNDS MORE LIKE
10 TOTALITARIAN OPPRESSION THAT IS UPON THE PEOPLE. BOTH BLACK
11 AND BROWN. NOT ONLY DO I SERVE THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF
12 COMMERCE IN COMPTON BUT I ALSO WORK THERE, AS WELL AND IN NINE
13 OTHER DISTRICTS. SO THEREFORE MY VOICE IS EVERYWHERE. BUT MOST
14 IMPORTANTLY MOST IMPORTANTLY --

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

17

18 **PETER ELIASBERG:** PETER ELIASBERG, I'M THE LEGAL DIRECTOR OF
19 THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE
20 MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY. BUT THERE'S TWO SMALL POINTS I
21 WANT TO MAKE SPECIFICALLY. ONE IS SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I THINK
22 YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT. WHATEVER THE LIMITATIONS THAT ARE
23 CURRENTLY UNDER LAW FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THERE'S
24 NO QUESTION THAT IT CAN SERVE A TRANSPARENCY FUNCTION, THAT IT
25 CAN CALL AND HAVE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL COME AND GIVE PUBLIC

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1 REPORTS. AND IN THE I THINK 15-YEAR HISTORY OF MERRICK BOBB
2 BEING A SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M NOT
3 AWARE OF HIS EVER ONCE BEING CALLED BEFORE THE BOARD TO GET
4 THE PUBLIC REPORT. YOU HAVE MANY DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS BUT THE
5 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION CAN SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE FOR
6 TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE INSPECTOR
7 GENERAL TO PRESENT. THE SECOND POINT I'D SAY IS WE TALKED A
8 LOT ABOUT THE LIMITATIONS BUT I HEARD THIS BOARD MANY, MANY
9 TIMES SAY LET'S GET IN TOUCH. LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO IN
10 SACRAMENTO TO CHANGE THINGS. IF THIS WORKING GROUP FINDS THAT
11 THERE ARE LIMITATIONS THAT THEY FEEL NEED TO BE OVERCOME, THEY
12 CAN GO TO SACRAMENTO AND ASK THE LEGISLATURE TO GIVE CIVILIAN
13 OVERSIGHT BOARD MORE POWER.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL SO CALL OF JOHN WALSH AND
16 WAYNE SPINDLER. YES, SIR.

17

18 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS JABRIEL
19 MUHAMMAD FOR JUSTICE MOVEMENT. WE'D LIKE TO SAY WE FULLY
20 SUPPORT THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. IT'S THE ULTIMATE AND
21 EVERYONE ELSE INVOLVED. BUT WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW IS WHAT ARE
22 THEY GOING TO DO WITH THE BACKLOG OF CASES THAT WE ARE SUBJECT
23 TO AS WE SPEAK? AND THE RESULTS, WHEN DO THEY START WORK? WHEN
24 CAN WE LOOK FORWARD TO SOME RESULTS GIVING THE CONDUCT THAT WE
25 KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AS FAR

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1 AS FORCE? SO THESE ALREADY EXIST IN TERMS OF EXCESSIVE FORCE
2 WE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR THE POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO
3 GIVE US AN UPDATE AND BLESS US TO BE INFORMED. I MEAN JUST AS
4 A BODY OF PEOPLE COMING TO THE BOARD MEETINGS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. RICHARD RYAN. YES, MA'AM?

7

8 **JOSE CASTRO:** MY NAME IS JOSE CASTRO, I'M A STUDENT AT CALO
9 YOUTH BUILD AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF THE
10 L.A. COUNTY JAIL. GIVEN FACT THAT PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR
11 LIVES DUE TO VIOLENCE AND THESE OFFICERS WALK AWAY WITH NO
12 CHARGES, JUST LIKE MY TWO UNARMED MEN LOST THEIR LIVES TO
13 SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE, EDUARDO [INAUDIBLE] AND RICARDO
14 [INAUDIBLE]. WHO WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR DEATHS?
15 BEING A YOUTH FROM WATTS POLICE HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE IS A
16 REGULAR OCCURRENCE THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH. THE CIVILIAN
17 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WOULD HELP L.A. YOUTH TO LIVE FREE OF FEAR
18 OF THE SHERIFFS. CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS LONG OVERDUE. IT NEEDS
19 TO INCLUDE FIVE NONNUSHABLES, ONE SUBPOENA POWER, INDEPENDENT
20 LEGAL COUNSEL TO BE MADE UP OF NINE MEMBERS WITH FOUR FROM THE
21 COMMUNITY. THAT IT DIRECT THE FUNCTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE OF
22 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND LAST THAT IT SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT [INAUDIBLE].

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. SPINDLER?

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1

2 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

3 IT'S ALREADY GOT THREE VOTES, OKAY? IT'S GOING TO PASS. I'VE

4 BEEN COMING TO THESE MEETINGS SINCE 1980, OKAY? AND THESE

5 THINGS ALWAYS PASS. AND THE LIBERALS ALWAYS GET IT AND

6 EVERYONE GOES OUT, OH, WE GOT A BIG VICTORY AND NOTHING

7 CHANGES EXCEPT IT GETS WORSE WITH THE SHERIFFS. LIVE IN THE

8 REAL WORLD. AND THE REAL WORLD IS THEY JUST DON'T CONTROL THIS

9 BUILDING; THEY CONTROL THE WHOLE WORLD. OKAY? SO THEY -- ALL

10 THESE LIBERALS CAN GET UP HERE AND PASS ANYTHING THEY WANT,

11 BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS IF YOU DON'T HAVE MY COLOR SKIN,

12 YOU ARE IN DANGER IN THE STREETS OF L.A. EVERY SINGLE SECOND.

13 AND I'M HAPPY THAT I WAS BORN WHITE BECAUSE IT GIVES ME THE

14 PROTECTION FROM RACISM AND I AM HAPPY ABOUT MY WHITE SKIN.

15 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HERMAN HERMAN?

18

19 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT AND GRAND JURIES DON'T HELP

20 MUCH. I WAS ON THE INTERNET THE OTHER DAY. I SEE A BIG BLACK

21 MAN OVER THERE IN NEW YORK: CAN'T BREATHE! I CAN'T BREATHE!

22 AND THAT'S MURDER WHERE I COME FROM. BUT APPARENTLY TO A GRAND

23 JURY IT'S NOTHING WAS DONE WRONG. NOW WE GET ANOTHER PERSON

24 FOR SELLING CIGARETTES. SO IF YOU SELL CIGARETTES AND DON'T

25 PAY THE TAX, THE PENALTY IS DEATH. THAT'S BASICALLY MODERN

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1 AMERICA. SO THIS BOARD YOU'RE GOING TO SET UP, YOU'RE GOING TO
2 PUT THEN CRONIES ON THERE. EVERYTHING IS STILL GOING TO BE THE
3 SAME. BUT WHAT YOU NEED TO DO: STOP EXECUTING BLACK PEOPLE.
4 THAT HAS TO BE OUTLAWED. PUT IT RIGHT IN THE CITY CHARTER, THE
5 COUNTY CHARTER. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CALL UP ESTHER LIM AND ERIC PREVEN.

8

9 **RICHARD RYAN:** HONORABLE MAYOR, MY NAME IS RICHARD RYAN. AND I
10 WORK FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR ALMOST 16 YEARS, MUCH
11 OF THE TIME WORKING ON ANTI-VIOLENCE PROJECTS ENACTED AS THE
12 COCHAIR OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL FOR ALMOST EIGHT
13 YEARS. I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING UP THIS ISSUE. I
14 WANTED TO SPECIFICALLY THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS BECAUSE THIS ISSUE IS SO IMPORTANT. I THINK
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT MR.
17 DROOYAN'S COMMENTS AND HIS TESTIMONY, YOUR COMMENTS WERE SPOT
18 ON. THIS IS AN ISSUE REALLY WHICH I SAW THE CITY OF WEST
19 HOLLYWOOD FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES WAS ACCESSED FOR EVERYDAY
20 PEOPLE TO TALK TO SOME PUBLIC OFFICIAL ABOUT THE ISSUES THEY
21 MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT HAVE WITH THE SHERIFF; IN WEST HOLLYWOOD,
22 WE HAVE A VERY ACTIVE PUBLIC AND VERY ACCESSIBLE CITY COUNCIL.
23 BUT THERE WERE MANY TOWNS THAT DON'T. MANY PLACES IN THE
24 COUNTY. SO I THANK YOU FOR THIS.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **HERMAN HERMAN:** REGARDS, MR. MAYOR, OF OVERSIGHT IT'S NOT JUST
4 A MATTER OF OVERSIGHT FROM THE DISCRIMINATION AND PREJUDICE OF
5 WHAT'S HAPPENING, THE ISSUE IS: HOW TO PREVENT FUTURE
6 OCCURRENCES OF THE PROBLEM? AND THAT PROBLEM HAS TO DO WITH
7 THOSE OF YOU WITHIN THE DISTRICTS WHO CAN CONTROL THE ISSUE.
8 IT WILL NEVER BE FIXED. AND CAN'T CORRECTED. IT CAN ONLY BE
9 ADJUSTED TO A FORMULA THAT YOU CAN PREVENT AND NOT BECOME SO
10 INVISIBLE TO THE PROBLEM OF THE ISSUE. LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT A
11 PROBLEM OF RACISM. LET'S TALK ABOUT A PROBLEM OF WHAT YOU'RE
12 GOING TO DO TO PREVENT THE FUTURE PEOPLE BACK THERE FROM
13 SPEAKING OUT AND MAKING THEIR STATEMENTS VISIBLE TO THE NON
14 ANTI-SEMITIC PROBLEMS THAT THIS COUNTY IS GOING THROUGH. THANK
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3.
20 IT'S BEEN A VERY LONG TIME COMING. SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND --
21 [SILENCE.] SELF-REGULATION DOESN'T WORK VERY WELL. I THINK IT
22 WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. SO I THINK THAT
23 THERE SHOULD BE REAL INDIVIDUALS WHO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE
24 BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG WEIGHING IN ON THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS
25 THAT OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT FACE ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND I THINK

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1 THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE THAT WE HAVE DEALT WITH FOR A
2 LONG TIME WITH MAYOR ANTONOVICH IS FREQUENTLY INVOKED. AND
3 THAT PREVENTS ANY LIGHT FROM SHINING ON SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS
4 THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON TO BECOME SYSTEMIC. AND I ONLY USE YOU
5 AS THE EXAMPLE BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN HERE THE LONGEST, SIR.
6 THERE IS PLENTY OF CULPABILITY GOING AROUND. IN TERMS OF
7 ACCOUNTABILITY GOING FORWARD I THINK BRINGING PEOPLE INTO THE
8 MIX WILL CLEAR UP EVERYTHING. SUNSHINE IS A GREAT DISINFECTANT
9 AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
10 AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT DESERVE THE RESPECT OF THE PEOPLE
11 AND THE PEOPLE DESERVE THE RESPECT OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
12 BY BRINGING PEOPLE IN, WE WILL CLEAN UP THE MESS QUICKLY.
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **ESTHER LIM:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ESTHER LIM WITH THE A.C.L.U. OF SO
16 CAL, JAILS PROJECT DIRECTOR. FIRST I'D LIKE TO COMMEND MARK
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR KEEPING THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT ON THE
18 AGENDA AND FOR SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR ALSO SUPPORTING
19 THIS ISSUE. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S NOT REALLY JUST ABOUT
20 THE THE CREATION OF A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION BUT IT'S
21 ABOUT EQUIPPING THE COMMISSION WITH THE TOOLS NECESSARY FOR IT
22 TO BE EFFECTIVE. WE HAVE SEEN O.I.R. AND SPECIAL COUNSEL
23 MERRICK BOBB AND IN FACT MAX HUNTSMAN CONCLUDED THEIR
24 CONTRACTS DUE TO THEIR INEFFICIENCY. WE NEED THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS TO LOBBY THE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE THE STEPS

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1 NECESSARY TO GIVE THE POWER TO THE COMMISSION TO ALLOW TO DO
2 WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO DO, ENSURE THAT IT HAS THE MECHANISMS IN
3 PLACE THAT SAFEGUARD AGAINST ABUSE. CHECK SHERIFF'S AUTONOMY,
4 ALLOW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON VIOLENCE AND
5 CORRUPTION IN THE DEPARTMENT AND MAKE SURE THAT THE L.A.
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS COMPLYING WITH THE LAW. THANK YOU.
7 SUPERVISOR?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR AND TO
10 THOSE WHO OFFERED THEIR TESTIMONY. LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY WE
11 SHOULDN'T PREDETERMINE THE COMPOSITION OF THE WORKGROUP OR
12 MAKE ANY ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT WHAT THAT PRODUCT WILL BE. I WANT
13 TO BE CLEAR FOR THE RECORD THIS SHOULD NOT BE CONCEIVED OF AS
14 AN EFFORT THAT IS AGAINST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT IS AN
15 EFFORT TO DO TWO THINGS: ADVANCE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TO PROVIDE
16 THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO THIS SHERIFF TO HELP MAKE
17 THIS DEPARTMENT ALL OF WHAT IT CAN BE CONSISTENT WITH THE BEST
18 PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF 21ST CENTURY CONSTITUTIONAL
19 POLICING. THE DICE AREN'T LOADED, IF YOU WILL. THEY'RE
20 ESSENTIALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE IN A DEFENSIBLE POSITION
21 WITH RESPECT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
22 ANGELES. THE TESTIMONY HAS REFLECTED A VARIETY OF VIEWS. THERE
23 IS A DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS HERE ON THIS BOARD AND THAT'S
24 APPROPRIATE. ALL THAT WILL BE WORKED THROUGH, HAMMERED OUT,
25 VETTED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WORKGROUP. IT'S WITH THAT, MR.

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1 MAYOR, I TRUST THAT WE CAN MOVE THE MATTER FORWARD AND I WOULD
2 SO MOVE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THIS.

5 I WOULD ASK THAT WE DIVIDE THE QUESTION SO THAT I HAVE NO

6 PROBLEM SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE WORKING GROUP. BUT I

7 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH APPROVING AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WE

8 HAVEN'T RECEIVED THE REPORT BACK FROM THE WORKING GROUP AS TO

9 WHAT IS IN THERE. AND THE DIRECTING COUNCIL TO REPORT BACK IN

10 90 DAYS WITH THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE WHEN WE DON'T HAVE

11 INFORMATION FROM THE WORKING GROUP FOR US TO --

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT OF VIEW, MR.

14 MAYOR, IF YOU WISH TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION, THAT'S FINE TO

15 DIVIDE THE QUESTION. ULTIMATELY, THE THRUST OF THE MOTION IS

16 TO ADOPT THE CONCEPT AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION

17 OF A COMMISSION, AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION, THE DETAILS TO

18 COME BACK WITH US IN ORDINANCE FORM FOR THE ADOPTION OF SUCH.

19 I WOULD SIMPLY ADD THERE'S AN ABUNDANCE OF DUE DILIGENCE THAT

20 HAS BEEN DONE BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AS WELL AS THE

21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROS AND CONS AND THE

22 LIKE, WITH RESPECT TO A COMMISSION. IT'S NOW TIME TO MOVE

23 FORWARD. I RESPECT THE WISHES OF THE MAYOR TO DIVIDE THE

24 QUESTION. I THINK IT IS REAL CLEAR AS TO HOW I WILL VOTE

25 ACCORDINGLY.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE POINT ON THE 90 DAYS, YOU WANT THE
3 COMMISSION FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE TO COME BACK WITHIN 90
4 DAYS?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT POINT. SO
9 THAT WE HAVE A DOCUMENT. WE DIVIDE THE FIRST PART OF THE
10 QUESTION IS THE CREATION OF AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. CALL THE
11 ROLL ON THAT. SUPERVISOR

12

13 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

16

17 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

20

21 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

25 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

3

4 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. SO ORDERED. OKAY ESTABLISH A
7 WORKING GROUP. CALL THAT ROLL.

8

9 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

13 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

16

17 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

21 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

24

25 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AYE. AND THEN REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS?
3 THERE IS NO OPPOSITION TO THAT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU SUPERVISORS FOR ALL YOUR
8 PATIENCE. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, IF IT'S APPROPRIATE, WE HAVE AN
11 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL TO CALL FOR CONSIDERATION AND IT'S HELD 43-
12 C. MR. MAYOR, I THINK IT'S REASONABLE TO REALIZE THAT THIS HAS
13 SUBSTANTIAL IMPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF A LITIGATION SCENARIO,
14 IT'S A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION. SO MAY I MOVE THAT WE TAKE THE
15 ITEM UP AFTER HAVING GONE INTO CLOSED SESSION SO THAT IT HAS
16 APPROPRIATE BEARING ON THE MATTER BEFORE US, AND IF THAT'S
17 CONSISTENT WITH YOUR WISHES, I WOULD SO MOVE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
20 GO IN EXECUTIVE SESSION NOW?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ITEM NO. 7.

23

24 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** 5.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CS-5.

2

3 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
4 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.
6 CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING THE SIGNIFICANT
7 EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE.

8

9

10 **[CLOSED SESSION]**

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12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WILL BEGIN WITH 43-C. WE HAVE TWO
14 SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM, WAYNE SPINDLER AND
15 ERIC PREVEN. OKAY. THEN DO WE HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL? 43-C?
16 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS A MOTION?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. MAYOR PERTAINING
19 TO 43-C. MAY I THEN MOVE THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE
20 INSTRUCTED TO EXECUTE A NOTICE TO TERMINATE THE SATURN
21 PROPERTY PURCHASE AGREEMENT. AND ADDITIONALLY THAT WE DIRECT
22 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO DEVELOP AN OPEN COMPETITIVE BID
23 FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
24 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. I DO THIS ON THE
25 BASIS OF DEALING WITH THIS MORE DUE DILIGENCE THAT NEEDS TO

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1 HAPPEN WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSACTION IN THE MOST PRUDENT WAY
2 OF PROCEEDING IS TO ASSUME THE COURSE OF ACTION AS INDICATED
3 IN THE MOTION.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS. SECOND BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ANY OBJECTION? SO ORDERED.
7 ITEM NO. 7, WE HAVE SPEAKERS ON THAT. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, UNFORTUNATELY A NUMBER OF
10 OUR SPEAKERS HAD TO LEAVE. BUT, YOU KNOW, THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN
11 A STRONG LEADERSHIP ROLE TO AN RAISE THE AWARENESS OF THIS
12 HORRIFIC ISSUE AND DO WHATEVER'S NECESSARY TO END CHILD SEX
13 TRAFFICKING. WE'VE WORKED HARD ON NEW PROGRAMS, SERVICES FOR
14 THE VICTIMS, TRAINING AND THE NECESSARY STEPS; BUT OBVIOUSLY I
15 KNOW SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I BOTH BELIEVE THAT WE CAN
16 GO A LOT FARTHER IN TRYING TO HOLD THOSE LOWLIFES ACCOUNTABLE
17 AND ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS IS TO STRIKE AGAINST CHILD
18 SEX TRAFFICKING IS TO EMBARK ON A SHAME CAMPAIGN, DISPLAYING
19 PICTURES OF THESE SO-CALLED "JOHNS" ON THE INTERNET,
20 BILLBOARDS OR PUBLIC PLACES. WE'VE DONE IT BEFORE WITH OUR
21 CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAMS. BUT THERE ARE SOME COMPLEXITIES WE
22 NEED TO WORK THROUGH AND THAT'S WHY IN THE MOTION WE HAVE SOME
23 MODELS TO LOOK AT BUT WE NEED TO -- SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
24 COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW IT AND GET BACK TO US WITH A REPORT ON
25 THE ISSUE. WE HAD SOME FOLKS THAT WERE WILLING TO SPEAK TO IT

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1 TODAY, BUT DUE TO LENGTH OF THE MEETING, THEY HAD TO LEAVE. SO
2 I WOULD MOVE THE ITEM.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED
5 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND TO SUPERVISOR
8 KNABE. THIS IS A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND I FEEL LIKE
9 IT NEEDS TO BE ONE OF OUR TOP PRIORITIES. AND TO THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I WOULD HOPE THAT THEY, IN TURN,
11 WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE US A FEW ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING
12 QUESTIONS. CURRENT RESOURCE IS BEING DEPLOYED BY THE SHERIFF'S
13 DEPARTMENT TO COMBAT SEX TRAFFICKING. THE CURRENT RESOURCES
14 THAT ARE DEPLOYED AND THE COSTS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED IN
15 CREATING AND SUSTAINING SUCH A WEBSITE. THESE ARE JUST A
16 COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT I THINK ARE IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE
17 SOME INDICATION OF. I WANT TO RESTATE MY FULL SUPPORT FOR THE
18 MOTION OF THE LEADERSHIP THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE SEEKS TO
19 PROVIDE ON THIS. IT'S MY VIEW THE MORAL QUESTION OF OUR TIMES
20 IN TERMS OF HOW WE DEAL WITH THOSE WHO PREY ON CHILDREN. IT'S
21 Hugely disturbing and gone on for too long without our voices
22 being raised. They've been victimized and revictimized,
23 misclassified. They've been called names that they shouldn't
24 be called. Children are not prostitutes. They can't be legally
25 because they can't give consent. And yet we criminalize them.

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1 SO THIS IS AN EFFORT TO PUT A SPOTLIGHT ON IT, SUPERVISOR
2 KNABE. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT RESOURCES ARE CURRENTLY BEING AIMED
3 AT THE ISSUE, WHAT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND
4 PRUDENT TO WAR ON THIS AND THE COSTS THAT MIGHT BE ASSOCIATED
5 WITH THE INTEGRATION AND SUSTAINING OF THE WEBSITE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WANT TO THANK THE TWO
10 GENTLEMEN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. I THOUGHT, PERHAPS, HAVING
11 DONE SEVERAL YEARS OF WORK ON WORKING TO PROTECT VICTIMS AND
12 ESPECIALLY YOUNG VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE, I WANTED
13 TO ADD MY VOICE IN SUPPORT OF THIS. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT FOR SO
14 MANY YEARS THOSE WHO HAVE OFTEN BEEN FORCED INTO PROSTITUTION
15 AS ADULTS, AND ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN WHO ARE TRAFFICKED AND
16 SHOULD NOT EVER BE REFERRED TO AS PROSTITUTES. THAT THEY ARE
17 OFTEN BLAMED, WHEREAS THOSE VERY PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT ONLY
18 BROUGHT THEM TO IT BUT ARE PURCHASING THE SERVICES WERE NOT
19 BLAMED. AND THERE WAS A REAL DOUBLE STANDARD. SO I THINK
20 ACTUALLY PUBLIC SHAMING, AS ANCIENT AS IT IS, PROBABLY 1,000
21 YEARS OLD OR MORE COULD BE EFFECTIVE. I DO SUPPORT THIS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HERE?

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE POSE A COUPLE QUESTIONS. THEY CAN
2 EITHER BE RESPONDED TO NOW OR WHEN THE ITEM COMES BACK FOR
3 ULTIMATE DISPOSITION. FEEL FREE TO APPRISE US OF THEM THEN,
4 THE TWO QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT.

5

6 **WILLIAM MCSWEENEY:** I DID HEAR YOU VOICE SOME INTEREST. ARE
7 THOSE QUESTIONS TO ME THAT I SHOULD ADDRESS? ALL RIGHT. WELL,
8 FIRST OF ALL, WE ARE KIND OF RECOVERING FROM A LONG PERIOD OF
9 TIME WHERE THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF PUBLIC PRESSURE NOT TO
10 ENFORCE PROSTITUTION LAWS. THERE WAS A LOT OF CRITICISM OF
11 POLICE ACTIVITY GOING BACK 10, 15, 20 YEARS AGO AS A
12 VICTIMLESS CRIME AND SO ON, SEX WORKERS, PLEASE, HANDS OFF. SO
13 DURING SOME TOUGH BUDGET TIMES, WHAT WE DID, SINCE THAT SEEMED
14 TO BE AN AREA WHERE THERE WAS NOT AS MUCH PUBLIC SUPPORT AS
15 OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES, WE SUBSTANTIALLY CUT OUR
16 BUDGET AND RESOURCES IN THAT AREA. IN THE LAST FIVE OR EIGHT
17 YEARS OF COURSE, THE PUBLIC'S TAKEN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
18 VIEW OF THIS AND RECOGNIZED THE VICTIMOLOGY OF IT AND SO WE
19 HAVE BEEN SCRAMBLING TO STRENGTHEN WHAT WE DO. WE DO THAT IN A
20 COUPLE OF WAYS TO PATCH THE EFFORT UP AND BE SUCCESSFUL. BY
21 THE WAY, I THINK WE HAVE BEEN. NOT AS BROADLY AS I'D LIKE. BUT
22 CERTAINLY ON LONG BEACH BOULEVARD, COMPTON AREA, LONG BEACH
23 AREA WE'VE HAD SUCCESS. WHAT WE'VE DONE IS COMBINE A
24 COMBINATION OF PATROL ASSETS WHO ESSENTIALLY THEIR BIGGEST JOB
25 THEY CAN'T MAKE CASES ON PROSTITUTION OR EVEN PIMPS, BUT THEY

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1 DO MAKE SURE THESE PEOPLE MOVE ALONG AND ARE NOT SITTING THERE
2 AS AN OPEN MARKET SO THAT THE COMMUNITY IS DISTURBED BY THAT.
3 BUT WE BACK THAT UP WITH SEVERAL INVESTIGATORS OUT OF WHAT'S
4 CALLED THE MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU, WHICH MERRILL LADENHEIM IS THE
5 CAPTAIN OF, AND THEY GO AND WORK ON BACKGROUND, THE PIMPING
6 CASES, PRIMARILY. AND PARTICULARLY TRY TO FOCUS ON PIMPS WHO
7 BRING JUVENILES INTO THE FOLD AND PUT THEM OUT ON THE STREET.
8 AND OF COURSE THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE. A LOT OF THIS IS
9 IN A VERY MURKY WORLD. BUT WE HAVE HAD SUCCESS. WE'VE PUT
10 SEVERAL PIMPS JUST LATELY IN STATE PRISON FOR LONG, LONG
11 STRETCHES. THE STATE PIMPING LAWS ARE EXTREMELY STRONG AND THE
12 SENTENCES THEY RECEIVE ARE BIG. SO IT ECHOES THROUGH THE WHOLE
13 SYSTEM WHEN YOU DO THAT KIND OF ENFORCEMENT. THE OTHER SIDE OF
14 THE COIN, OF COURSE, IS THE BUYER, IS THE JOHN AS THEY'RE
15 KNOWN. AND WE USE RESOURCES WHICH OF COURSE MANY TIMES WE HAVE
16 DECOYS. WE HAVE WOMEN OFFICERS WHO WE BRING OUT AND THEY DRESS
17 THE PART. AND THEY GO OUT AND BRING JOHNS INTO THE PROBLEM AND
18 MAKE ARRESTS FOR JOHNS. THAT'S THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EQUATION.
19 THAT'S VERY LABOR INTENSIVE. TAKES A LONG TIME, A LOT OF MAN
20 POWER, A LOT OF PLANNING. MOST OF THE WOMEN THAT WE USE ARE
21 EMPLOYEES, DEPUTY SHERIFFS USUALLY, ARE NOT ASSIGNED TO THE
22 DETECTIVE BUREAU FULL-TIME, SO THEY'RE USUALLY YOUNGER
23 OFFICERS WHO HAVE DIFFERENT ASSIGNMENTS. WE BRING THEM IN.
24 THEY WORK OVERTIME AT NIGHT IN THE OPERATIONS. AND WE DO THAT
25 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH, PRIMARILY IN LONG BEACH/COMPTON. AND WE'D

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1 LIKE TO DO IT MORE OFTEN BUT IT'S AN EXPENSIVE PROJECT. WHEN
2 ALL THE BEAN COUNTING IS DONE, IT'S PROBABLY A LARGE EFFORT IN
3 LONG BEACH JUST ONE WEEKEND WILL COST MAYBE \$10,000 IN VARIOUS
4 OVERTIME COSTS TO BRING PERSONNEL IN FROM OTHER ASSIGNMENTS TO
5 COVER IT. SO IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE CAN DO EVERY WEEKEND. WE'D
6 LIKE TO BECAUSE THE BUSINESS IS THERE AND THE ACTIVITY IS
7 THERE. AND WE WOULD LINING -- LIKE TO KNOCK IT BACK WITH MORE
8 INTENSE EFFORT. BUT WE'VE HAD CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS GIVEN THE
9 FACT THAT OUR RESOURCES ARE RELATIVELY LIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** IT IS NOT A RESOURCE ISSUE, I'M SORRY. I DON'T
12 MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL, BUT THIS REALLY ISN'T A RESOURCE
13 ISSUE. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF LIVES BEING SAVED. AND WITH ALL DUE
14 RESPECT, I THINK WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET AT IS THE INTENSITY
15 OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO AND HOW TO DO IT, NOT HOW MUCH IT COSTS
16 OR WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE WITH STAFFING OR CARPING OR ANYTHING
17 ELSE, HOW DO WE SAVE THE LIVES OF THESE YOUNG VICTIMS? LONG
18 BEACH P.D.'S DONE A GREAT JOB. THEY'VE HAD GREAT SUCCESS DOWN
19 THERE, AS WELL. THEY JUST PUT TWO MORE AWAY IN STATE
20 PENITENTIARY FOR VERY LONG PERIODS OF TIME. SO I THINK THE
21 QUESTIONS THAT MARK ASKED AND I ASK IN THIS REPORT YOU COME
22 BACK AND NOT RESPOND IN WHY NOT BUT RESPOND IN HOW DO WE FIX
23 IT?

24

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1 **WILLIAM MCSWEENEY:** SUPERVISOR, I'M SORRY, IF YOU MISUNDERSTOOD
2 THAT WE AREN'T DOING MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT I SAID WAS I DIDN'T SAY YOU'RE NOT DOING
5 ANYTHING, BUT I SAID THE RESOURCE QUESTION ISN'T THE PIECE WE
6 ASKED BECAUSE IT'S NOT ABOUT RESOURCES, IT'S ABOUT LIVES. AND
7 SO HOPEFULLY THE RESPONSE THAT WE GET BACK TO THIS PARTICULAR
8 SITUATION WILL BE IN TERMS OF HOW WE FIX IT, NOT, YOU KNOW,
9 WHY WE CAN'T DO IT OR WHY WE CAN'T DO MORE BUT HOW WE FIX IT.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** I JUST WANT TO CHIME IN BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT
16 WHEN WE GET A REPORT BACK, HOPEFULLY WE'LL LOOK AT OTHER
17 NECESSITIES THAT ARE GOING TO BE REQUIRED BECAUSE IF WE'RE
18 TALKING ABOUT CHILDREN, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PROVIDING THEM
19 WITH SUPPORT, AS WELL, SO THAT THEY DON'T FALL CAPTIVE. AND IF
20 THERE ARE OTHER ECONOMIC REASONS THAT ARE ONGOING AND MENTAL
21 AND WHAT HAVE YOU, THEN IT DOES REQUIRE AN INVESTMENT. AND
22 THAT'S A LONG-TERM PROJECT. BUT I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ALL ARE
23 DOING HERE TODAY BY GETTING THE WORD OUT THERE. I'M
24 PARTICULARLY CONCERNED IN MY DISTRICT BECAUSE WE HAVE A LARGE
25 ASIAN AND LATINO POPULATION THAT WE'RE FINDING THAT THIS IS

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1 POPPING UP. AND CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO MITIGATE IT.
2 BUT DO IT WITH CAPABLE RESOURCES AND MORE BREAKING DOWN OF THE
3 SILOS TO HELP THESE FAMILIES AS WELL AS THE CHILDREN. SO I
4 AGREE WE HAVE TO SAVE LIVES AND WE HAVE TO SAVE FAMILIES TOO.
5 SO THANK YOU. AND I CONGRATULATE BOTH OUR SUPERVISORS FOR
6 PUTTING THIS FORWARD. THANK YOU.

7

8 **WILLIAM MCSWEENEY:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WANTED TO ADD A QUESTION, I'M SO SORRY, MR.
11 MAYOR. IT'S ABOUT PROTOCOLS THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED FOR PERHAPS
12 BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I REMEMBER THAT WE HAD SOME YEARS
13 AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S CURRENT FULL THE STATE BUDGET
14 THAT VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING, ESPECIALLY MINOR VICTIMS OF
15 TRAFFICKING WERE TO BE PROVIDE WITH SERVICES. AND THE IDEA WAS
16 THAT WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT PICKED THEM UP, INSTEAD OF
17 DELIVERING THEM TO INCARCERATION OR TRIAL, THEY WOULD BE
18 DELIVERED TO SERVICES. AND I'M NOT AWARE OF -- THAT DOESN'T
19 MEAN IT DOESN'T EXIST. BUT I WOULD VERY OF KNOW AT YOUR
20 CONVENIENCE IF THERE'S PROTOCOL WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT ABOUT THIS VERY ISSUE.

22

23 **WILLIAM MCSWEENEY:** THERE IS. AND THERE'S EVEN AN ACRONYM FOR
24 IT THAT SLIPS MY--

25

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1 **MERRILL LADENHEIM:** C.S.E.C. COMMERCIALY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED
2 CHILDREN. THAT'S THAT TASK FORCE.

3

4 **WILLIAM MCSWEENEY:** THERE'S A RESPONSE TELL THAT ROLLS TO THE
5 STATION WHERE WE PICK THE CHILD UP AND BRING THEM TO THE
6 STATION. THOSE RESPONSES RESPOND IMMEDIATELY. WE'VE HAD GOOD
7 SUCCESS WITH THAT OCCURRING. AND MAKE ALL THE CHOICES IN TERMS
8 OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND OTHER CARE THAT THE CHILD NEEDS ONE AT
9 A TIME, WHENEVER WE HAVE THEM. SO THAT'S WORKING VERY WELL.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. ROBERT LUCAS.
12 KIM BIDDLE. MICHELLE GUYMON.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** MICHELLE AND KIM HAD TO LEAVE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HERMAN HERMAN. WAYNE SPINDLER? ARNOLD
17 SACHS. ONE MINUTE MR. LUCAS.

18

19 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. YOU KNOW, I'VE HAD
20 PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THIS WHEN I WAS OUT GETTING THE WORD
21 OUT FOR MISS KUEHL, RIDING THE BUS, THE METRO, I CAN TELL YOU
22 FIRSTHAND THAT THIS GOES ON EVERY DAY IN EVERY PLACE OF THE
23 CITY BECAUSE THERE ARE INSTANCES THAT IF YOUR AWARENESS IS UP
24 WHERE YOU CAN OBSERVE OLDER MEN VERY UNCOMFORTABLY OBSERVING
25 WOMEN. AND I MYSELF HAVE RUN ACROSS TWO INSTANCES AND WENT TO

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1 CENTRAL L.A.P.D. BECAUSE I RAN INTO THIS INDIVIDUAL TWICE ON
2 THE SAME BUS LINE AROUND THE SAME SCHOOL. AND I WENT TO
3 CENTRAL L.A.P.D. THEY SENT SOMEBODY OUT. THE DUDE DISAPPEARED.
4 I CAN ALSO TELL YOU THIS. THESE PARTICULAR PREDATORS, THE
5 ATONEMENT FOR THIS IN PRISON IS DEATH. AND THEY EARN IT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. LUCAS.

8

9 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** WAYNE SPINDLER. I BELIEVE IT CALLS FOR THE
10 PUBLICATION OF THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE CONVICTED. THE PROBLEM
11 THAT YOU'RE GOING TO FACE IS PLEA BARGAINING. IF SOMEBODY'S
12 GOING TO BE FACING THEIR PUBLICATION OF THEIR NAME AT SUCH A
13 PUBLIC PLACE, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE LESS PLEA BARGAINING
14 TO THESE CHARGES. IT'S GOING TO RESULT IN THESE CHARGES BEING
15 CONTESTED, GOING TO TRIAL. 97 PERCENT OR SO OF THESE CASES BY
16 THE D.A. ARE SETTLED BY PLEA BARGAINING. SO IF YOU THINK IT'S
17 ENOUGH THAT THEY GET THE CONVICTION, BUT WHEN YOU ADD THIS
18 LEVEL TO IT, THE PERSON WHO PLEADS NO CONTEST WOULD BE PUT ON
19 THIS LIST AND THEN IT COULD JEOPARDIZE THEIR JOB AND THEIR
20 FUTURE EMPLOYMENT. THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS TO FOCUS ON
21 REHABILITATION, NOT PERPETUAL PUNISHMENT AND DOUBLE JEOPARDY.
22 SO I THINK IT'S WELL MEANING BUT I THINK IN PRACTICALITY IT'S
23 AN ILL-ADVISED SITUATION.

24

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1 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO IN REFERENCE TO NOT REITERATE WHAT THE FINE
2 GENTLEMAN WAS SPEAKING ABOUT, MR. KNABE BROUGHT UP A VERY
3 SPECIFIC AND GOOD POINT. HOW COULD WE NOT BE LIMITED TO
4 RESOURCES? WE NEED THESE RESOURCES IN ORDER TO ENFORCE THESE
5 SOLICITATIONS ON NOT JUST CHILDREN BUT THE EVERYDAY
6 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH SEX TRAFFICKING. WE KNOW
7 THAT A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS, AS MENTIONED, LATINO AND ASIANS,
8 HAVE BECOME THE MOST POPULAR ADVERTISEMENT NOWADAYS, AND MORE
9 SO WITHIN THE AREA OF THE VALLEY WITH THESE ILLEGAL
10 BUSINESSES. AND I'M NOT GOING TO MENTION SPECIFIC NAMES OF
11 BUSINESSES. BUT JUST ON THE CORRIDORS ALONE, IT'S VERY OBVIOUS
12 THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS NEED TO TAKE AN ACTION, SUCH AS
13 ALTHOUGH THIS IS A CITY ENTITY OF MICHAEL ENGLANDER FROM THE
14 CITY OF L.A. YOU MUST COLLABORATE ON WORKING WITH THE DISTRICT
15 ATTORNEY. THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. I
18 BELIEVE THIS WAS AN ITEM THAT WAS LIKE SIX MONTHS AGO ON THE
19 AGENDA AND THE SHERIFF'S MENTIONED THEY CUT THE FUNDING AND
20 CUT THEIR PERSONNEL IN LONG BEACH. THE PROBLEM THAT WAS SPOKEN
21 ABOUT WAS THAT THERE'S A LOT OF FOSTER CARE CENTERS IN THOSE
22 AREAS AND THE PEOPLE THAT PREY ON THE TEENAGERS AND YOUTH
23 CONGREGATE ON THE FOSTER CARE AREAS. MAYBE YOU COULD START
24 THERE BY HAVING A BETTER SYSTEM OF FOSTER CARE THAT WOULD BE
25 AVAILABLE BECAUSE IF THEY'RE PREYING -- IT'S A PERPETUATED

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1 SITUATION, THEN YOU ENABLE, BY KEEPING FOSTER CARE IN THESE
2 AREAS, BECAUSE THESE ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT WILL TAKE IN
3 FOSTER YOUTH. AND IT'S, FOR THEM, IT'S A DOLLAR SIGN. AND THEY
4 DON'T REALLY -- THEY'RE NOT REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
5 OUTCOME. THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DOLLARS. SO A LITTLE BIT
6 MORE OVERSIGHT AT THE START OF THE PROCESS MIGHT HELP TO GET
7 BETTER RESULTS AT THE END OF THE PROCESS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DAVID SERRANO. MR. PREVEN?

10

11 **DAVID SERANNO:** GREETINGS. WE WHO ARE CHRISTIANS AND WE
12 COMPREHEND REALITY, JESUS CHRIST IS GOD, WE UNDERSTAND THAT A
13 RELATIONSHIP IS BETWEEN ONE MAN, ADULT, AND ONE WOMAN, ADULT.
14 EVEN LIKE IS SPECIFIED BY THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST THAT THAT
15 IS THE WAY IT WAS IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN BECAUSE ADAM AND EVE
16 WERE OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE THEIR OWN SHELTER, TO TAKE CARE OF
17 THEMSELVES, TO GROW THEIR OWN FOOD AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
18 SAID THAT THE MAN WILL LEAVE HIS PARENTS AND CLING TO HIS WIFE
19 AND THE TWO WILL BECOME ONE FLESH. SO A PERSON OBVIOUSLY HAS
20 TO BE OLD ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES. NOW, OTHER COUNTRIES
21 WHO ARE IMMORAL MAKE IT LEGAL TO MARRY CHILDREN, SUCH AS YEMEN
22 OR SAUDI ARABIA. IT'S BECAUSE THEY ARE MISLED BY THE FALSE
23 PROPHET MUHAMMAD.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. PREVEN?

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1

2 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, ERIC PREVEN COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3.

3 I TOOK NOTE OF THIS ITEM, WHICH IS I BELIEVE A SHAME CAMPAIGN

4 IS A TWO-WORD WAY OF DESCRIBING WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED WHICH

5 IS FOR, I GUESS, JOHNS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED

6 IN SOME FORM OF TRAFFICKING, ESPECIALLY CHILD TRAFFICKING. AND

7 THOUGH IT IS TEMPTING BECAUSE OF COURSE WE ALL ARE UNITED IN

8 OUR DISDAIN FOR THE IDEA OF SEX TRAFFICKING OF ANY KIND, THE

9 OFFICER WHO LAUNCHED THIS IN ORANGE COUNTY ACTUALLY KIND OF

10 RECANTED HIS OWN, THE MONSTER HE CREATED. AND I THINK THAT

11 THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS WITH THIS KIND OF PROGRAM.

12 THERE MAY BE PLACES WHERE IT'S WORKING WELL. I THINK THE IDEA

13 IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE BUT I FEEL LIKE IF YOU SINGLE OUT ONE

14 PARTICULAR CRIME AMONG MANY HORRIBLE CRIMES, IT SENDS AN ODD

15 MESSAGE. AND THERE ARE MANY THINGS WE CAN DO HERE IN L.A.

16 COUNTY WITH THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING DOWN ON LONG

17 BEACH BOULEVARD WHERE WE ALL KNOW MOST OF THIS PROSTITUTION IS

18 TAKING PLACE. SO LET'S ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND FIGHT THIS

19 BATTLE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** NOT TRUE. IT'S ALL OVER.

22

23 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL THAT WAS OFFICER -- DEPUTY --

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION. IS THERE ANY
2 OBJECTION? SO ORDERED.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM NO. 8, WE HAVE ITEM 8 AND 20 --
7 WE'LL JUST DO 8 AND THEN WE'LL DO 20 NEXT. ARNOLD SACHS.
8 HERMAN HERMAN. AND WAYNE SPINDLER.

9

10 **HERMAN HERMAN:** ON ITEM 8, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A 12 MILLION AND
11 A HALF ALLOCATION OR PROVISIONS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
12 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF PATROL, WHICH IS A VERY
13 EXCELLENT IDEA. THE MORE PATROLLING, WE LESSEN THE ISSUES ON
14 VIOLENCE AND CRIME, OR MORE SO BURNING BUILDINGS WITHIN OUR
15 DISTRICT, ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT THE POINT. GOING INTO ITEM 20
16 NOW, IN THIS DISCUSSION, IT'S TALKING ABOUT THE AWARD OF CHILD
17 ABUSE. WELL WE KNOW THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS L.A.U.S.D. HAS THE
18 MOST INFAMOUS, INFAMOUS CHILD ABUSE CONDUCT IN THE WORLD. AND
19 WE THE TAXPAYERS ARE GETTING SICK AND TIRED OF PAYING ON THESE
20 SETTLEMENTS. SO AWARDED ANY AWARD DUE TO CHILD ABUSE
21 PREVENTION SHOULD BE TAKEN NOT JUST SERIOUSLY BUT STRONG FOR
22 THE FAMILIES AND MORE SO FOR THE CHILDREN THAT IT IMPACTS AND
23 CAUSES ADVERSE DAMAGE TO. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. THIS ITEM MENTIONED A
3 SET ASIDE FROM AUGUST OF 2014. AND I'M ALMOST POSITIVE THAT
4 AROUND THAT TIME, THAT WAS THE TIME THE BOARD TOOK ACTION WITH
5 D.C.F.S. FOR MR. BROWNING TO HIRE THE EXTRA WORKERS. I BELIEVE
6 MR. ANTONOVICH, YOU MENTIONED HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO HIRE 650
7 EMPLOYEES. AND WHETHER THEY WERE ORDINANCE POSITIONS OR NOT
8 YOU DIDN'T MENTIONED. WHETHER IT WAS FUNDING UNFILLED
9 POSITIONS YOU DIDN'T MENTION. BUT HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO HIRE
10 650 EMPLOYEES TWO YEARS AGO. AND AT AUGUST OF 2014 YOU GOT THE
11 AUTHORITY TO ACTUALLY HIRE 150. SO I GUESS THE 500 PEOPLE THAT
12 HE DID HIRE, THIS BECAME THEIR FUNDING. THIS GOES BACK TO THE
13 SEX TRAFFICKING, MORE D.C.F.S. WORKERS, MAYBE LESS SEXUAL
14 TRAFFICKING. AND THIS DOESN'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY OF THE
15 OFFICER ATTRITION THAT OCCURS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON A
16 YEARLY BASIS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER DISTRICT 5 IT HAS THE
21 MOST UNINCORPORATED SPACE OF THE FIVE COUNTY DISTRICTS. SO
22 THIS IS A LARGE PIECE OF REAL ESTATE. AND PEOPLE IN PALMDALE,
23 LANCASTER, THEY WANTED TO INCREASE THE PATROLS. THEY'VE BEEN
24 ASKING FOR THIS. NOW DRIVING ALL THE WAY INTO THE ANGELES
25 NATIONAL, YOU SEE TAGGING ON ALL THE WAY UP IN THE MOUNTAIN

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1 AREA. THEY TAG THE ROADS NOW. AND THEY TAKE THE SIGNS THAT SAY
2 THE FOREST IS CLOSED AND THEY TAG THOSE. SO SOMEBODY'S DOING
3 THAT. AND SO THIS ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT IS AN EXAMPLE WOULD
4 BE GOOD FOR THAT. BUT CLEARLY THIS LARGE AREA DOES NEED
5 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. SO I CAN'T SAY EXACTLY WHERE IT'S GOING
6 GO, BUT I'LL TRUST SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SAY THAT THIS IS
7 A GOOD PROPOSAL. I AGREE WITH IT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAD MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
14 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 20? WE HAVE
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. BRUCE RUBINSTEIN. AUDREY TOUSSANT, DON
16 PICKENS. LISA PION-BERLIN.

17

18 **LISA PION-BERLIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DR. LISA PION-BERLIN
19 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF PARENTS ANONYMOUS INC. THE OLDEST
20 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION ORGANIZATION IN AMERICA, BORN RIGHT
21 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE ASKING THE BOARD TODAY TO
22 WITHDRAW THEIR APPROVAL OF THE R.F.P. FOR C.A.P.T.A, THE CHILD
23 ABUSE AND TREATMENT ACT FOR FIVE MAJOR FLAWS IN THE PROCESS.
24 D.C.F.S. HAS PROVIDED YOU A LETTER WITH AN OVERVIEW IN WHICH
25 THEY TALK ABOUT THAT THE INFORMED AVERAGING PROCESS, THAT IS

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1 THE POLICIES THE BOARD MADE TO DICTATE HOW THEY SCORE, WRITE
2 JUSTIFICATIONS, CHANGE SCORES AND HAVE A FAIR AND VALID
3 PROCESS. DURING THE REVIEWS WHERE WE APPEALED ON THE DECISIONS
4 REGARDING SOME OF OUR PROPOSALS, THEY ADMIT IN THE LETTER THAT
5 ON A FEW OCCASIONS, THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE. AND WE
6 BELIEVE THAT THE BOARD SHOULD THROW OUT THE ENTIRE R.F.P.
7 PROCESS LIKE THEY DID FOR FAMILY PRESERVATION AND FOR
8 PARTNERSHIPS FOR FAMILIES BECAUSE IT'S A FLAWED PROCESS. YOU
9 CAN'T JUST SAY "WELL WE DIDN'T DO IT IN A FEW CASES, IT SEEMS
10 OKAY." A FAIR PROCESS IS A FAIR PROCESS. IF THERE'S NO SCORE
11 OR JUSTIFICATION, HOW DO YOU HAVE A VALID PROCESS WHEN YOU
12 HAVE A COMPETITIVE BID? THIS PROGRAM ALSO IS FLAWED BECAUSE IT
13 IS ENTIRELY ABOUT STATE MONEY. AND THE STATE MONEY IS ABOUT
14 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION INTERVENTION TREATMENT. THERE'S NO WORD
15 IN THIS ENTIRE R.F.P. ABOUT EVIDENCE-BASED SERVICES,
16 CONTINUOUS SERVICES IT'S ALSO A MATCH TO A FEDERAL PROGRAM WE
17 CALLED C.C.A.P. WHICH WE HELPED WRITE AS THE FOUNDING MOTHER
18 TESTIFIED FROM LOS ANGELES.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD YOU GIVE US A COPY OF YOUR
21 REMARKS?

22

23 **LISA PION-BERLIN:** YES.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **DON PICKENS:** I'M DON PICKENS, MY FAMILY HAS BENEFITED FROM THE
3 PARENTS ANONYMOUS PROGRAMS IN L.A. COUNTY. I'M CURRENTLY THE
4 CALIFORNIA PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR PARENTS ANONYMOUS RESPONSIBLE
5 FOR C.A.P.I.T. PROGRAMS IN OUR COUNTY WHERE EVERY DAY PARENTS
6 AND THEIR CHILDREN AND YOUTH RECEIVE INNOVATIVE PREVENTION
7 SERVICES BASED ON STRENGTHENING PROTECTIVE FACTORS, ENSURING
8 CHILD SAFETY, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL BEING. WE HAVE
9 SUCCESSFULLY PARTNERED WITH D.C.F.S. FOR THE PALS THE 45 YEARS
10 AS THE OLDEST CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION AND
11 INTERVENTION ORGANIZATION IN THE NATION. WE GET CALLS EVERY
12 DAY FROM PARENTS, AGENCY, CLERGY AND YOUTH LOOKING TO GET OUR
13 EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTION SERVICES. WE HAVE NO AVAILABILITY
14 AND HAVE TO PUT THEM ON WAITING LISTS BECAUSE OF LIMITED
15 FUNDING FOR C.A.P.I.T. SERVICES. WE'RE ASKING THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS TO SUSPEND FUNDING C.A.P.I.T. EXTEND CURRENT
17 CONTRACTS UNTIL COMMUNITY INPUT AND A NEW R.F.P. FOCUSING ON
18 CONTINUUM OF PREVENTION SERVICES THAT SHOW REAL RESULTS CAN BE
19 BID OUT REFLECTING STATE LAW THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THIS WORK. I'M
20 HERE GIVING VOICE TO THE THOUSANDS OF PARENTS ANONYMOUS
21 PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT WANT TO BE LEFT WITHOUT
22 EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. DAVID SALENSKIS, AND
25 WAYNE SPINDLER?

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1

2 **BRUCE RUBINSTEIN:** MY NAME IS BRUCE RUBINSTEIN, I'M
3 REPRESENTING EL CENTRO DEL PUEBLO. A COMMUNITY-BASED
4 C.A.P.I.T. ORGANIZATION SINCE 1994, 20 YEARS WHICH HAS BEEN
5 TREATED UNFAIRLY IN THIS R.F.P. THERE'S SIMPLY A MISTAKE IN
6 THE BOARD'S LETTER. COUNTY COUNSEL RULED THAT WHAT YOU BID YOU
7 HAVE TO LIVE WITH BECAUSE CERTAIN PEOPLE GOT EXTRA POINTS FOR
8 BIDDING LOW. THIS BOARD LETTER GIVES THE FULL AWARD SO THAT EL
9 CENTRO ACTUALLY CAME IN FOURTH. IT WAS ONLY 18 POINTS OUT OF
10 SECOND PLACE WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN AN AWARD. AND THE ERROR IS
11 240 POINTS BECAUSE WE BID 63,000, THE OTHER AGENCY BID 53,000
12 AND THEY WERE AWARDED THE FULL 67. JUST A TECHNICAL ERROR BUT
13 ONE THAT COUNTY COUNSEL RULED ON DURING OUR PROCESS AND IS
14 VIOLATED IN THIS BOARD LETTER. SO I NEED TO POINT THAT OUT
15 BECAUSE IT SETS A PRECEDENT WHEN FAMILY PRESERVATION COMES UP
16 THAT OUR ORGANIZATION COULD BID \$1, WIN THE R.F.P. AND THEN
17 STILL GET A COUPLE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. IT'S JUST AN
18 ERROR.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. YES, MA'AM.

21

22 **AUDREY TOUSANT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. AUDREY TOUSANT REPRESENTING
23 THE L.A. COUNTY CHILD WELFARE COALITION. THE PROPOSED
24 C.A.P.I.T. PROGRAM IS ALTERED FROM ITS STATE STATUTORY
25 PURPOSES OF PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT AND

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1 NOW HAS ITS SOLE FOCUS ON TREATMENT SERVICES, ELIMINATING
2 CRITICAL SUPPORTS FOR PARENTS IN TERMS OF COUNSELING FOR
3 UNDOCUMENTED FAMILIES AND FAMILIES WHO NORMALLY WOULDN'T BE
4 ELIGIBLE FOR MEDI-CAL AS WELL AS ELIMINATING FAMILY SUPPORT
5 GROUPS PROVIDING PARENTING EDUCATION AND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS.
6 SO I JUST ASK TODAY THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER PULLING THIS
7 CONTRACT AND RE-BID A PROCESS FOR PROGRAM THAT WILL ADDRESS
8 THE GAPS IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM CONTINUUM AND PROVIDE
9 STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND PROTECT CHILDREN FROM FURTHER ABUSE
10 AND NEGLECT. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HERMAN HERMAN. YES, SIR?

13

14 **DAVID ZABLECKIS:** THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
15 ALLOWING US TO SPEAK ON THIS MATTER. MY NAME IS DR. DAVID
16 ZABLECKIS, I AM THE CLINICAL DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR
17 INTEGRATED FAMILY AND HEALTH SERVICES. WE'VE BEEN A PARTNER
18 WITH COUNTY UTILIZING C.A.P.I.T. AND HELPING PEOPLE IN
19 C.A.P.I.T. FOR AROUND 28 YEARS. AND DURING THAT TIME, WE
20 HELPED THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES. BUT CURRENTLY THE PROCESS
21 DOESN'T FEEL AS MUCH LIKE A PARTNERSHIP. WE'RE CONCERNED THAT
22 OUR BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE WERE DISREGARDED DURING THE
23 R.F.P. PROCESS AND THE D.C.F.S. HAS MADE SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES
24 THAT WERE CONTRARY TO THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF C.A.P.I.T. SO DUE
25 TO SIGNIFICANT FLAWS IN THE PROCESS AND LIKELY DAMAGE FAMILIES

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1 AND CHILDREN. OUR HOPE IS THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2 WOULD PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO RESOLVE EQUITIES AND TO STOP THIS
3 PROCESS, RESTART WITH ADEQUATE EVALUATION OF PROVIDERS AND
4 REASONABLE FUNDING FOR OUR VULNERABLE FAMILIES.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

7

8 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** WHAT TROUBLES ME IS ONE SPEAKER SAID HE COULD
9 BID A DOLLAR AND WIN THE CONTRACT. THAT RIGHT THERE MEANS YOU
10 HAVE TO SCRAP THE PROCESS. THAT'S CRAZY. SO UNLIKE THE L.A.
11 CITY, WHERE A LOT OF THIS STUFF JUST GETS RAN THROUGH, IT'S
12 GOOD THAT THE WHOLE BOARD ALLOWS THIS TO BE TAKEN UP AS A
13 FINAL STOP GAP BEFORE THESE TYPE OF CONTRACTS ARE APPROVED.
14 YOU HEARD FROM THE SPEAKERS THAT HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE SURELY
15 THAN I DO OR ANYBODY ELSE DOES. THEY CLEARLY HAVE BEEN SCREWED
16 IN THIS PROCESS. SO SCRAP IT. AND COME BACK AND PARTICULARLY
17 BECAUSE WHAT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE ACTIONS THERE IS
18 GOING TO BE A LOT MORE PEOPLE THAT MIGHT NEED THESE SERVICES
19 THAT ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR RIGHT NOW THAT ARE GOING TO COME
20 FORWARD IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, A YEAR. SO THAT SHOULD BE
21 TAKEN INTO EFFECT, AS WELL. L.A. COUNTY BEING ONE OF THE
22 LARGEST PLACES FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **HERMAN HERMAN:** AND THIS INQUIRY FOR SERVICES TO EXECUTE THE
2 CONTRACTS, WE SEE THAT VARIOUS AGENCIES THAT DON'T APPROVE OR
3 AUTHORIZE A FAIR BUDGET, WE SEE HOW VULNERABLE THAT BECOMES
4 FOR FAIR BIDDING. FAIR BIDDING SHOULD MEET THE UNANTICIPATED
5 DEMANDS OF WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE RESOURCES TO BE
6 IMPLEMENTED FOR ITS ACTUAL USE. SO AS BROUGHT UP BY MANY OF
7 YOUR CONSTITUENCIES HERE TODAY, WE SEE THAT AGAIN AN APPROVED
8 BUDGET MUST MEET THE STANDARDS TO ANTICIPATE THE DEMANDS OF
9 WHAT IS NEEDED ON THE TOPIC OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
10 CONTRACT AND AWARD FOR CHILD ABUSE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. BROWNING? IF YOU COMMENT ON THE
13 PROCESS AND ALSO REPLY TO ONE OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED THAT YOU
14 COULD LOW BID AND THEN RECEIVE LARGER APPROPRIATIONS.

15

16 **PHILIP BROWNING:** OKAY, MR. MAYOR. THIS IS A PROCESS THAT WE
17 FOLLOWED WITH I THINK A LOT OF SCRUTINY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
18 COUNTY PROCUREMENT RULES. SO WE HAVE ABOUT 440 CONTRACTS IN
19 THE DEPARTMENT FOR ABOUT 500 MILLION. SO WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
20 STAFF THAT WORK VERY, VERY CLOSELY WITH I.S.D. AND A NUMBER OF
21 OTHER ENTITIES PARTICULARLY INCLUDING COUNTY COUNSEL. SO THERE
22 WAS A SOLICITATION. WE PUT OUT AN R.F.P. AND I THINK ON THIS
23 SPECIFIC ONE WE HAD ABOUT 115 OR MORE ENTITIES THAT BID. AND
24 THERE WERE 43 THAT WERE SELECTED: IT'S A RIGOROUS PROCESS
25 WHERE AN R.F.P. IS SET OUT. A PROPOSER RESPONDS. AND WE HAVE A

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1 NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE NOT NECESSARILY D.C.F.S.
2 EMPLOYEES WHO ACTUALLY EVALUATE THE PROPOSAL. IF A PROPOSAL IS
3 DEEMED NOT TO BE RECOMMENDED, THE PROPOSER HAS AN OPTION TO GO
4 THROUGH A COUNTY APPEAL PROCESS WHICH THE PROVIDERS ALL HAVE
5 AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. AND I THINK THESE PROVIDERS DID
6 THAT AND I REALLY WANT TO SAY THANKS TO ALL THE PROVIDERS.
7 THEY DO SO MUCH FOR SO MANY OF OUR CHILDREN. AND WE CAN'T
8 THANK THEM ENOUGH. IT IS A COMPETITIVE BID. AND THESE
9 INDIVIDUALS WHO SPOKE, I THINK THERE WERE A COUPLE OF THEM
10 WHICH DID GET CONTRACTS. I THINK THERE MIGHT BE SOME THAT DID
11 NOT. BUT WE LOOKED AT THE PROPOSED RESPONSE AND SELECTED THE
12 ONES THAT WE ARE RECOMMENDING TO YOU FOR YOUR APPROVAL. COUNTY
13 COUNSEL IS HERE TO ASSIST IN REVIEWING AND RESPONDING TO ANY
14 COMMENTS ABOUT THE LEGAL PROCESS. I REALLY THINK THAT WE'VE
15 COMPLIED FULLY WITH ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTRACTING
16 PROCESS, WHICH IS PRIMARILY OVERSEEN BY I.S.D. IN TERMS OF THE
17 \$1, THAT WOULD SEEM TO BE A NONRESPONSIVE BID, IN MY OPINION.
18 SO WE WOULD TAKE THAT AND SAY THAT THAT WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE
19 REASONABLE. NO PERSON USING COMMON SENSE WOULD ACCEPT THAT
20 PROPOSAL. SO ON ITS FACE, IT MIGHT QUALIFY FOR REVIEW, BUT IN
21 ACTUALITY, I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE GIVEN ANY CREDENCE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE R.F.P. THAT WAS DISSEMINATED HAD
24 NO FLAWS THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO CORRECT?

25

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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** ANY FLAWS, AND BY THAT I THINK WHAT WE'RE
2 TALKING ABOUT IS WE HAD INDIVIDUALS WHO LOOKED AT THE
3 PROPOSALS. THEY EVALUATED THEM. I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY
4 FLAWS THAT THE APPEAL PROCESS IDENTIFIED AS BEING SUBSTANTIVE.
5 WE TALKED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. I THINK IT'S OUR BELIEF THAT
6 THERE ARE NO FLAWS THAT WOULD IMPACT THIS PROCUREMENT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL? THEN SUPERVISOR
9 KNABE.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** MR. BROWNING, TWO OF THE WITNESSES INDICATED THAT
12 THERE WAS A DECREASED EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION IN THE R.F.P.,
13 WHEREAS THE STATE FUNDS ARE VERY CLEAR THAT PREVENTION IS A
14 PART OF IT. ONE OF THEM REFERENCED A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC
15 PROGRAMS THAT WERE PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS, ET CETERA, WHICH I
16 ASSUME WAS PART OF PREVENTION. IN THE R.F.P. AS IT WAS
17 DISSEMINATED, WAS THERE A DECREASED EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION?

18

19 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I DON'T THINK THERE WAS A DECREASED EMPHASIS
20 ON PREVENTION, BUT I THINK WE'RE LOOKING AT PREVENTION IN A
21 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WAYS. WE HAVE ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS FOR
22 ABOUT 6 MILLION WHICH ARE FOR PREVENTION AND AFTER CARE
23 SPECIFICALLY. SO THIS IS ONE SLICE OF ABOUT 500 MILLION THAT
24 IS DIRECTED USING STATE FUNDS. BUT WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER
25 SERVICES. SO THIS SERVICE BY ITSELF WOULDN'T BE OUR ONLY

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1 PREVENTION. SO I DON'T THINK ANYONE COULD SAY THAT THE
2 SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN REQUESTED AND RESPONDED TO WOULDN'T
3 CONSIDER PREVENTION AS BEING A PRIMARY FOCUS.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT C.A.P.I.T. FUNDS INCLUDE
6 PREVENTION, DO THEY NOT?

7

8 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THEY DO.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO THE FACT THAT WE WOULD HAVE PREVENTION MONEY IN
11 ANOTHER POT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE DON'T FOLLOW THE DIRECTION
12 FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF C.A.P.I.T.

13

14 **PHILIP BROWNING:** IT'S MY BELIEF AND I THINK OUR STAFF WOULD
15 SUPPORT THAT, THAT ALL OF THE FUNDS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
16 IN THE C.A.P.I.T. ARE GOING TOWARD PREVENTION IN ITS BROADEST
17 SENSE.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** BUT THERE WAS TESTIMONY THERE WAS AN EMPHASIS ON
20 TREATMENT. I UNDERSTAND LOOSELY YOU WOULD SAY OKAY, WE'RE
21 TREATING OUR VICTIMS AND THEREFORE WE'RE PREVENTING, I DON'T
22 KNOW, THEM FROM BEING OFFENDERS 20 YEARS FROM NOW, BUT SIMPLY
23 I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: IS THERE A DE-EMPHASIS FOR PREVENTION IN
24 THIS PARTICULAR R.F.P.?

25

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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT TO BE THE CASE. I CAN
2 CERTAINLY FOLLOW UP ON THAT BUT I DON'T THINK WE WOULD HAVE
3 GOTTEN THIS FAR WITH COUNTY COUNSEL HAVING REVIEWED THINGS,
4 OUR PROGRAM STAFF HAVING REVIEWED THAT. THAT'S A NEW APPROACH
5 FOR ME TO SEE THAT AS A RATIONALE. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE'RE
6 HAVING ANY REDUCED EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE'S BEEN
9 A DECREASE IN FUNDING FOR C.A.P.I.T. PROGRAMS IN GENERAL. WHAT
10 KIND OF A DECREASE?

11

12 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK THERE WAS A DECREASE IN THE, FUNDING,
13 STATE FUNDING. AND WE HAVE OFFSET THAT BY HAVING A LARGE
14 AMOUNT, OVER 6 MILLION, THAT'S BEEN PUT INTO PREVENTION AND
15 AFTER CARE, WHICH WAS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF PROGRAM
16 SERVICES. SO I THINK PART OF THE CHALLENGE FOR ANY
17 ORGANIZATION IS TO MANAGE THE FUNDS THAT WE GET. AND SO WHAT
18 WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS TO COMBINE THOSE SERVICE PROGRAMS SO
19 THAT WE CAN HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAM. SO
20 C.A.P.I.T. IS A PART OF THIS. AND THEY'RE LOOKING AT
21 PREVENTION. WE HAVE ANOTHER PREVENTION AND AFTER CARE PROGRAM
22 FOR WHICH THE BOARD I THINK JUST APPROVED THOSE PROVIDERS A
23 COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. WE HAVE OTHER PROVIDERS, FAMILY
24 PRESERVATION, E.F.F., THAT ALSO PROVIDES SERVICES, BOTH
25 PREVENTION AND CURRENT TREATMENT, IF YOU WILL, SERVICES.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S ON OF THE PROVIDERS HERE, BUT
3 SOMEONE DID NOT GET THE LONG BEACH SPA 8 AREA BUT THAT FOUR
4 OTHER PROVIDERS HAD BEEN SELECTED. WHAT IS THE TRANSITION PLAN
5 SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE SOME SORT OF GAP IN THE SERVICES?

6

7 **PHILIP BROWNING:** IT IS MY BELIEF THERE WILL BE NO GAP IN
8 SERVICE. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS WORK WITH ANY CURRENT
9 PROVIDER WHO WOULD NOT BE A RECOMMENDED PROVIDER UNDER THIS
10 BOARD LETTER TO MAKE A TRANSITION SO THAT THERE MIGHT BE A FEW
11 INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, THAT WOULD BE TRANSITIONED TO ANOTHER
12 PROVIDER OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. AND SO I THINK THAT'S BEEN
13 RECOGNIZED. AND WE'RE WORKING WITH ANY PROVIDER AND ANY FAMILY
14 TO MAKE THAT TRANSITION OCCUR.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION, MR.
17 MAYOR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION. SECOND. IS THERE ANY
20 OPPOSITION? SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. NOW ADJOURNMENTS BEGIN WITH
21 THE SECOND DISTRICT?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME JUST ASK FOR A RECONSIDERATION
2 ON NO. 3, THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
3 HE'LL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. JUST TO PUT IN
4 INSTEAD OF SAYING "PUBLICLY RECRUITED" JUST SAY "OPEN AND
5 COMPETITIVE, BASED ON WRITTEN JOB DESCRIPTION." SUPERVISOR
6 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL SECOND THAT. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** COULD YOU REPEAT THAT?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JUST PUT "OPEN AND COMPETITIVE"
11 INSTEAD OF "PUBLICLY RECRUITED." SAY "OPEN AND COMPETITIVE,
12 BASED ON JOB DESCRIPTION." WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT IS SO
13 ORDERED.

14

15 **MARK SALADINO, COUNSEL:** ESSENTIALLY, SUPERVISOR, I THINK IT
16 ALREADY PROVIDES FOR A PUBLIC RECRUITMENT, WHICH WOULD BE OPEN
17 TO THE PUBLIC. AND IN THE NEXT LINE, IT SAYS "SELECTED ON A
18 COMPETITIVE BASIS." SO I THINK "OPEN AND COMPETITIVE" IS
19 PROBABLY ALREADY CONTEMPLATED IN THERE BUT YOU COULD ADD IT
20 AGAIN IF YOU WANT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MARK
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. MAY I ASK
2 THAT WE ALL ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MR. ROY EVANS, BORN ON
3 NOVEMBER 8, 1931 AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI AND PASSED ON DECEMBER
4 THE 2ND AT THE AGE OF 83. HE EARNED AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
5 DEGREE IN MENTAL HEALTH FROM MARJORIE WEBSTER COLLEGE IN
6 WASHINGTON, D.C., A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE FROM GOVERNOR'S
7 STATE UNIVERSITY IN ILLINOIS AND COMPLETED POSTGRADUATE WORK
8 IN A NUMBER OF STUDIES INCLUDING SOCIOLOGY AT U.C.L.A. HE WAS
9 AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. FILLING SEVERAL
10 POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES INCLUDING
11 WORKING AS A COMMUNITY LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE. HE ALSO WORKED
12 FOR ONE YEAR AS THE COORDINATOR OF MINORITY AFFAIRS WITH THE
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN
14 SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE OF DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION. 1981, ROY
15 EVANS FOUNDED BRIDGE BACK A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
16 THAT PROVIDES TRANSITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS
17 FOR INMATES. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATION AND
18 OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY MANY
19 FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. THE COMMUNITY WILL MISS HIM
20 DEARLY. MR. MAYOR, ROY EVANS. I ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS JOIN ME
21 IN REMEMBERING LARK GALLOWAY-GILLIAM, BORN ON ON JULY 21, 1953
22 LOS ANGELES PASSED ON DECEMBER 1 AT THE AGE OF 61. SHE WAS THE
23 FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH
24 COUNCILS OF LOS ANGELES AND HAS GROWN INTO AN INFLUENTIAL
25 ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION, ITS CORE MISSION TO ELIMINATE

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1 DISPARITIES IN HEALTH SERVICES BY EXPANDING COVERAGE AND
2 IMPROVING ACCESS TO POLICY HEALTHCARE RESOURCES. ACHIEVED A
3 BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM U.C.L.A. AND EARNED A
4 MASTER'S IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, DID COURSE WORK IN
5 DOCTORATE OF ADMINISTRATION IN UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
6 CALIFORNIA. SHE SERVED ON NUMEROUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
7 INCLUDING THE NATIONAL RECIPROCAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY
8 HEALING COALITION ORGANIZATION, KNOWN AS REACH. THE ADVANCING
9 MOVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MARTIN LUTHER KING MEDICAL
10 CENTER ADVISORY BOARD JUST TO NAME A FEW. HER ADVOCACY WORK
11 WENT BEYOND PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE
12 COMMUNITY INCLUDING HER WORK HAVING SECURED FOUR HUNDRED
13 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN GRANTS FOR THE LOGISTICS FOR THE FINAL
14 JOURNEY OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE ENDEAVOUR, CALIFORNIA'S SCIENCE
15 CENTER. ANOTHER HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN GRANTS APPLIED
16 TOWARD SCIENCE EDUCATION FUNDS FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.
17 GALLOWAY- GILIAM WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN INNOVATIVE THINKER
18 IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR AND FOR HER DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT
19 TO SOCIAL JUSTICE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER ROBIN,
20 SISTERS PATRICIA AND ELIZABETH, BROTHERS LLOYD AND MARK AND
21 HOST OF NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY
22 WILL MISS HER GREATLY. HER LEGACY OF ADVOCATING FOR SOUTH LOS
23 ANGELES COMMUNITIES WILL BE FELT FOR DECADES TO COME.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN IT, AS WELL. I WANTED TO SAY
3 SOMETHING ABOUT LARK.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GO RIGHT AHEAD.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. IT'S INTERESTING WHEN WE ADJOURN IN THE
8 MEMORY OF PEOPLE FROM OUR OWN DISTRICTS, OFTEN WE KNOW THEY
9 HAD A WIDE IMPACT ACROSS THE WHOLE COUNTY AND REALLY ACROSS
10 THE WHOLE STATE. BUT SHE WAS A VERY, VERY SPECIAL WOMAN. WE
11 KNEW SHE WAS A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR IMPROVED AFFORDABILITY
12 AND ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE WHICH IS HOW I CAME TO KNOW HER. AND
13 OTHER PROGRAMS FOR TRADITIONALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES
14 ESPECIALLY IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AND FOR HER FIGHT TO
15 PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL INTEGRITY OF MANY OF OUR
16 NEIGHBORHOODS. SHE INSISTED THAT GOVERNMENT BE QUITE SENSITIVE
17 TO THE FACT THAT L.A. IS NOT A HOMOGENEOUS COMMUNITY BUT ONE
18 OFTEN DIVIDED BY ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES, BY RACIAL AND EVEN
19 OCCUPATIONAL DIFFERENCES. HER PHILOSOPHY AS AN ADVISORY BOARD
20 MEMBER IN THE PLANNING REVISION PROCESS WAS THE SAME AS THE
21 PHILOSOPHY THAT GUIDED HER LIFE AND HER WORK. AS SHE PUT IT
22 "TO BE EVER MINDFUL THAT IT'S NOT A COOKIE CUTTER RESPONSE TO
23 THE DIVERSE COMPOSITION, CHARACTER, VISION AND NEEDS OF A LOT
24 OF DIFFERENT LITTLE SUB-COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE CITY." SHE
25 NEVER WAIVERED IN HER ADVOCACY FOR THE DISADVANTAGED AND

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1 UNDERSERVED AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED ACROSS SEVERAL
2 DISTRICTS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INDEED, MR. MAYOR. ROBERT ROGHI MENDOZA
5 PASSED ON NOVEMBER 5TH AT THE AGE OF 67. GREW UP IN
6 WILLOWBROOK AND IN 1966. HE WAS DRAFTED IN THE UNITED STATES
7 ARMY AND SERVED IN VIETNAM. WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED IN 1968.
8 HE WAS AWARDED SEVERAL MEDALS AND CITATIONS INCLUDING THE
9 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, THE VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL,
10 THE BRONZE STAR, THE MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION BADGE, JUST TO
11 NAME A FEW. HE WAS AWARDED THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN
12 SOCIOLOGY FROM CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS AND A MASTER'S DEGREE
13 IN EDUCATION FROM AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY FROM 1970 TO 1992.
14 HE WAS A TEACHER, COACH AND PRINCIPAL AT THE VERBUM DEI HIGH
15 SCHOOL IN WATTS AND FROM 1993 TO 2005 HE WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE
16 VICE PRINCIPAL AT BISHOP MORA SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL IN BOYLE
17 HEIGHTS WHERE HE RETIRED. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS
18 MENTORSHIP, HIS STRONG FAITH AND HIS LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY AND
19 STUDENTS. MR. MENDOZA IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CECELIA, SIX
20 CHILDREN, NINE GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO
21 WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
24 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THREE OF MY CONSTITUENTS TODAY. THE
25 FIRST SIDNEY WALD. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT WHO

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1 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 98. HE WAS BORN IN
2 THE BRONX. HE GREW UP IN NEW YORK. BUILT HIS FIRST HOUSE IN
3 YONKERS AT THE AGE OF 22 SETTING OUT ON WHAT WOULD BECOME A
4 VERY SUCCESSFUL LIFETIME CAREER AS A GENERAL CONTRACTOR.
5 RELOCATED WITH MANY FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY TO LOS
6 ANGELES IN THE MID-1940S ALONG WITH HIS MOTHER TWO SIBLINGS,
7 DEVELOPED HIS BUSINESS AND WENT ON TO BUILD THE RESIDENCES
8 AMONG MANY OTHERS OF THE LEGENDARY BAND LEADER XAVIER CUGAT,
9 AND ANIMATER WALTER LANTZ WHO CREATED WOODY WOODPECKER. HE
10 ALSO BUILT THE LOCAL LANDMARK APARTMENT BUILDINGS FOUNTAIN
11 VIEW WEST WHICH IS NOW WEST VIEW TOWERS CONDOMINIUMS AT LA
12 CIENEGA AND FOUNTAIN AND THE WILSHIRE EMBASSY APARTMENTS AT
13 EIGHTH AND CURSON IN THE MIRACLE MILE. HE WAS KNOWN TO HIS
14 FRIENDS AND HIS FAMILY AS A VERY GENEROUS AND KIND MAN AND
15 HE'LL BE DEEPLY MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON JEFF, A
16 LONGTIME TELEVISION NEWS EXECUTIVE IN LOS ANGELES, HIS
17 DAUGHTER-IN-LAW GABRIEL, GRANDDAUGHTER ASHLEY, STEP- GRANDSON
18 CAMERON. HE IS PREDECEASED BY TWO WIVES BOTH OF WHOM HE
19 LOVINGLY CARED FOR DURING THEIR ILLNESSES WITHOUT COMPLAINT. I
20 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. AND MR. MAYOR AND
21 SUPERVISORS, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF
22 THOMAS W. SMALL, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT WHO
23 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 51 AFTER LOSING A STRONG
24 BATTLE WITH CANCER. HE HAD A LONG AND VERY SUCCESSFUL CAREER
25 AS A SOUND EDITOR, HIGHLY REGARDED THROUGHOUT THE MOTION

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1 PICTURE COMMUNITY. WORKED MANY YEARS AT PARAMOUNT AND SONY AND
2 MOST RECENTLY FOR FOX ON "DAWN OF THE PLANET OF THE APES"
3 WHICH WAS HIS FINAL FILM. HE APPROACHED HIS WORK WITH GREAT
4 PASSION AND PRECISION AND HIS MANY CREDITS INCLUDE "AMAZING
5 SPIDERMAN" 1 AND 2, "STAR-TREK", "PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN,"
6 "AT WORLD'S END," "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" 2 AND 3, "THE ITALIAN
7 JOB", "LARA CROFT: TOMB RAIDER," "SLEEPY HOLLOW" AND MANY
8 MORE. HE WAS BELOVED HIS BY HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS. HAD A
9 WICKED SENSE OF HUMOR AND AN EXCEPTIONAL CULINARY TALENT. HE'S
10 SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER WESLEY AND STEPMOTHER, SALLY, BROTHER
11 JOSEPH, TWO HALF BROTHERS, KEVIN AND CHARLIE, LEE WEINSTEIN
12 AND DANA RYAN AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. AND, FINALLY, MR.
13 MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
14 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CAROL BRANCH. RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY IN
15 LYNWOOD. LONG-SERVING LAW ENFORCE ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIAN WITH
16 THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STATIONED IN WEST
17 HOLLYWOOD. SHE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 57 AFTER A
18 LENGTHY ILLNESS. DURING HER TIME THERE, SHE HELPED THOUSANDS
19 OF PEOPLE IN NEED BY ANSWERING 911 EMERGENCY PHONE LINES. SHE
20 IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS, SIX SIBLINGS AND TWO
21 GRANDCHILDREN. HER WARMTH, HER CHEERFUL PERSONALITY, HER
22 FRIENDSHIP WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND
23 BY HER EXTENDED LAW ENFORCEMENT FAMILY. THANK YOU.
24
25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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2 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MR. MAYOR, I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS, AS WELL.

3 FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN EDWARD

4 LAWRENCE, WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY ON DECEMBER 4TH AT THE VERY

5 YOUNG AGE OF 43. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH

6 THE DESCHUTES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WHERE HE WORKED FOR 4-

7 1/2 YEARS. HE THEN WORKED FOR THE BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT IN

8 OREGON FOR 10 YEARS AND PROMOTED AS SERGEANT IN 2014. HE IS

9 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JENNA AND CHILDREN ALYSSA AND RYKER. HIS

10 MOTHER RUTH AND HIS SISTER WHO WE ALL KNOW CHRISTY GUYOVICH

11 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO OUR

12 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY. ALSO JUDY LOHRS.

13 MOTHER-IN-LAW OF LAKEWOOD MAYOR TODD ROGERS AND UNDERSHERIFF

14 TODD ROGERS PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 2ND. SHE WAS A TEACHER FOR 60

15 YEARS. SHE WAS ALSO VERY ACTIVE IN LAKEWOOD HELPING WITH THE

16 LAKEWOOD EDUCATION FOUNDATION. SHE MADE HOMEMADE PENCIL BOXES

17 AND PENS. L.E.F. GRANT AT THE RECENT TEACHER CELEBRATION. SHE

18 MADE THE LAST 10 BOXES WHILE IN HOSPICE CARE. SURVIVED BY HER

19 HUSBAND ROBERT, FIVE CHILDREN AND NINE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO

20 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RONALD GREGORY LAWRENCE, FATHER

21 OF RONALD GONZALEZ- LAWRENCE, DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR

22 ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANTHONY RENDON, PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 1ST.

23 RON AND HIS WIFE JANE WERE MARRIED FOR 39 YEARS, LIVED IN

24 NORWALK. THEY RAISED THEIR FAMILY. HE BEGAN A CAREER IN

25 COMPUTER INFORMATION AND MCDONNELL DOUGLAS WHERE HE WORKED FOR

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1 40 YEARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JANEEY, DAUGHTERS MELANIE
2 AND DOMINICA. SON RONALD, SISTER DEBRA AND MOTHER MARY. AND
3 FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN -- NOT FINALLY. WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
4 OF BRUCE STEELE, A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO
5 GREW UP IN SAN DIMAS. GRADUATED FROM BONITA HIGH SCHOOL.
6 SERVED IN THE NAVY AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II. HE WAS A CIVIL
7 ENGINEER, SPENT MUCH OF HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER AS A LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIRING IN 1986 AS AN INSPECTOR WITH
9 OUR OLD ROAD DEPARTMENT. HE WAS A THIRD GENERATION COUNTY
10 EMPLOYEE. BOTH HIS FATHER AND GRANDFATHER ALSO WORKED FOR THE
11 ROAD DEPARTMENT. HE WAS MARRIED TO ROBIN FOR 61 YEARS. THIS IS
12 A JOINT MOTION WITH MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. HE IS
13 SURVIVED BY HIS SON SCOTT AND CRAIG WHO CRAIG STEELE, WHO IS
14 THE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR FIRST FIVE L.A. ALL MEMBERS. ALSO WE
15 ADJOURN IN MEMORY TODAY OF HUGH HOSKINS. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
16 DOWNEY WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78. HAD A BACHELOR'S
17 DEGREE AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING FROM
18 U.S.C. HE WAS A LIFELONG FAN. HE WORKED IN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY
19 FOR 40 YEARS. HE WAS INVOLVED IN IN THE APOLLO MISSIONS AS
20 PART OF THE SATURN ROCKET PROJECT. VERY ACTIVE IN THE DOWNEY
21 COMMUNITY BOTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND A MEMBER OF THE MASONIC
22 LODGE. HE ENJOYED TRAVELING ONCE HE RETIRED AND HE HAD A
23 FONDNESS FOR TELEVISION SHOW "JEOPARDY." HE WAS DEVOTED TO HIS
24 FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE
25 ARLISS OF 47 YEARS, DAUGHTER LIANNE AND SON DOUG. TWO

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1 GRANDCHILDREN, EMILY AND ZACHARY. HE'LL BE DEARLY MISSED BY
2 ALL WHO KNEW HIM. WITH THAT, THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, SIR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
5 ORDERED. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
6 JAMES KATSUMI MITSUMORI WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. HE
7 SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II IN THE HIGHLY DECORATED 442ND
8 REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM DISCHARGED AS MASTER SERGEANT.

9 APPOINTED ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY OF THE CRIMINAL
10 COMPLAINS DIVISION AND LATER OPENED UP A LAW PRACTICE IN
11 LITTLE TOKYO WHERE HE SERVED THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY
12 FOR OVER 50 YEARS. HE WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE KEIRO
13 SENIOR CENTER HEALTHCARE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SERVED ON
14 ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNTIL 2007 AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO
15 DAUGHTERS, SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

16 PHYLLIS HARMAN, LONGTIME SUPPORTER, RESIDENT OF SUN CITY
17 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE WAS A DEVOTED MOTHER AND
18 AVID ANGEL BASEBALL FAN. LOVED HER ANIMALS, MUSIC AND SPORTS
19 AND POLITICS SURVIVED BY HER SON DON. FLORA BELLE REECE,
20 LONGTIME RESIDENT IN LANCASTER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90.

21 SHE WAS A MATH INSTRUCTOR AND VOLUNTEER WITH THE PEACE CORPS
22 IN MALAYSIA. WAS A SPOKESPERSON AT SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS
23 AND WOULD SPEAK ABOUT HER SERVICE IN THE WOMEN'S AIR FORCE
24 SERVICE PILOTS DURING WORLD WAR II. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO
25 CHILDREN, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

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1 NANCY MISETICH SWEENEY PASSED AWAY NOVEMBER 23RD. SHE SERVED
2 AS CONTROLLER TO SAM U'S DRIVE IN VAN NUYS AND WAS A
3 SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR IN THE SWIMMING POOL SERVICE
4 CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS FOR OVER TWO DECADES. SHE WAS QUITE
5 INVOLVED IN REVITALIZATION OF RESEDA AND HEAVILY INVOLVED IN
6 OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES INCLUDING "SAVE THE FARM DAY."
7 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, PARENTS, SISTER AND TWO BROTHERS.
8 VERY GOOD FRIEND OF ONE OF MY CLASSMATES AND ONE OF OUR
9 COLLEAGUES WHO WORKED FOR FORMER SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN,
10 EDWARD CANO, SENIOR DEPUTY TO SUPERVISOR HAHN PASSED AWAY. HE
11 SERVED KENNY FOR OVER 20 YEARS. HE PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER
12 6TH. EDWARD CANO. HE SERVED AS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 HEALTH EDUCATION AND WELFARE FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND
14 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER DORA, THREE CHILDREN AND ONE
15 GRANDSON. I SPOKE TO HIM A FEW WEEKS AGO. HE WAS A GOOD MAN.
16 OFFICER EDGAR REED, RETIRED DEPUTY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 6TH. HIS LAST
18 ASSIGNMENT WAS BISCAILUZ CENTER. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
19 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? NONE? OKAY.
20 PUBLIC COMMENT. LEONARD ROSE. NANCY SHEEHY. JOSE CASTRO.
21 TERRUS PARKER. LEONARD, WELCOME.

22

23 **LEONARD ROSE:** HI, I TALK ABOUT SAVINGCHRISTMAS.COM AND I
24 WATCHED THE MOVIE ABOUT A.F.C. THEATER WHAT THE MEANING OF
25 CHRISTMAS SANTA CLAUS AND CHRISTMAS STORY. AND CHRISTMAS WHEN

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1 FAMILY GET TOGETHER BUT MAIN THING BE GOOD TO YOUR FAMILY. BUT
2 WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES BUT MAIN THING JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO
3 FORGIVE US WHAT WE DO WRONG. REVELATION TALK ABOUT 7TH BOOK
4 GOOD OR BAD. WE'RE BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS, SINNERS AND SIN
5 BELIEVER. IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW AND 1 JOHN 1:9. GOD FORGIVES
6 US THROUGH THE CROSS OF JESUS. DAY AND NIGHT WATCH CHANNEL 40
7 T.B.N. ANY TIME 24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK CHANNEL 9, 700
8 CLUB 9 A.M. TO 10 A.M. CHURCH CHANNELS. DAYSTAR.COM. CHANNEL
9 50.3. NEWS GOING ON.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, LEONARD. OKAY. THANK YOU
12 FOR THAT. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. LET ME ALSO CALL UP IS IT
13 LARRY CROSSLEY? RICARDO SILVA. E.T. SNELL. DEBRA POLLEE, .
14 WAYNE SPINDLER. BRIAN BAJARES. JOHN WALSH.

15

16 **LARRY CROSSLEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE. MY NAME IS LARRY
17 CROSSLEY AND I'M AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT. I'M FROM SAN
18 FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. I HAVE A QUESTION I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS
19 TO ALL OF YOU TODAY. HOW DO YOU CORRECT ONE OF YOUR
20 DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT OF FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY AND HOSTILE
21 BEHAVIOR? THE REASON I'M ASKING THE QUESTION IS I'M IN THE
22 D.C.F.S. SYSTEM AND MY CHILD WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES UNJUSTLY DUE TO POLICE
24 CORRUPTION AND BRUTALITY. AND I'VE BEEN IN FULL COMPLIANCE TO
25 DO EVERYTHING THAT I CAN DO, ME AND THE MOTHER OF THE CHILD.

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1 AND THE ONLY THING THAT HAPPENED OUT OF IT ALL WAS ONE OF YOUR
2 OWN WORKERS HAS SABOTAGED ALL OF THE COMPLIANCE AND IS WRITING
3 FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS AND TOMORROW I'M GOING INTO COURT. I NEED
4 YOU GUYS TO INTERVENE TO DO SOMETHING BECAUSE THIS IS JUST OUT
5 OF CONTROL.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SOMEBODY IS HERE FROM THE DEPARTMENT
8 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. THE LADY IN THE RED BEHIND
9 YOU. SHE'LL TALK TO YOU.

10

11 **LARRY CROSSLEY:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP NANCY
14 SHEEHY, JERRY DEITRICK. JABRIEL MOHAMMED. ROBERT LUCAS.

15

16 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** I'M GLAD TO SEE WHEN THEY HAD ADJOURNMENTS,
17 THE NEW SUPERVISOR SOLIS DECIDED NOT TO GIVE ANY. IT KIND OF
18 SPEEDS THE MEETING UP. SO ONE RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE THAT YOU
19 ALTERNATE AT THE END OF THE MEETING ONE SUPERVISOR PER MONTH
20 GIVES THE FINAL PRONOUNCEMENTS. YOU WOULD SAVE PROBABLY AN
21 AVERAGE OF ABOUT A COUPLE HOURS A MONTH AT THE END OF THESE
22 MEETINGS. THEN YOU COULD GET MORE BUSINESS DONE. SO I THINK
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS CAME UP WITH A VERY INNOVATIVE IDEA. I REALLY
24 APPRECIATE THAT. ALSO, THE WHOLE DEDICATION, WHAT ABOUT ALL
25 OVER THE COUNTRY, ALL THESE PEOPLE BEING KILLED BY POLICE FOR

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1 NO REASON AT ALL. I MEAN, SHOULDN'T WE GIVE HOMAGE TO THEM?

2 IT'S GOT TO STOP. ONE MINUTE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. AS
5 YOU ALL KNOW, WE HAD A BIZARRE, INCREDIBLE INCIDENT HAPPENING
6 JUST A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO. AN ENTIRE SQUARE BLOCK BLEW UP. I'M
7 TALKING ABOUT THE DAVINCI BUILDINGS. NOW, THE ORIGINAL MAYOR
8 SAID IT WAS -- A COUPLE OF BLACK GUYS AND THEY START A LITTLE
9 FIRE AND IT GOT OUT OF CONTROL. I WANT TO TELL YOU NOW THE
10 A.T.F., THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS COMING IN HERE FOR AN
11 INVESTIGATION ON WHETHER THIS WAS AN A TERRORIST ATTACK ON
12 L.A. NOW, I SAID THIS IN FRONT OF THE POLICE COMMISSION WITH
13 ALL OF THEM THERE. AND NOT ONE PERSON WOULD OPEN THEIR MOUTH
14 BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT -- NO ONE SAID THAT'S CRAZY. EVERYBODY
15 IN AMERICA KNOWS THAT NO WAY DID THAT BUILDING BLOW UP OTHER
16 THAN A TERRORIST ATTACK. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO CALL UP DAVID SERRANO. HERMAN
19 HERMAN.

20

21 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY. IT'S BEEN
22 A LONG DAY. YOU KNOW, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO, I WAS VERY
23 FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE ALIVE WHEN MY GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER
24 WAS ALIVE, RIGHT? AND DECEMBER 7TH, A FEW DAYS AGO, AS WE ALL
25 KNOW WAS THE 75TH, I BELIEVE, YEAR OF PEARL HARBOR. AND THIS

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1 IS WHAT I DID. I WENT DOWN TO THE V.A. ON WILSHIRE AND I WENT
2 AND VOLUNTEERED DOWN THERE. AND IT WAS A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO
3 MAKE IT HAPPEN, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS. IF THERE'S SOMETHING
4 GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU'RE COMPLAINING ABOUT OR THAT'S
5 NOT GOING RIGHT, SPEND AN AFTERNOON DOWN THERE WITH THE PEOPLE
6 THAT GAVE YOU THE RIGHT TO COMPLAIN. IT'LL CHANGE THE WAY YOU
7 LOOK AT THINGS AND IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL A LOT BETTER WHEN YOU
8 LEAVE. ALSO, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, I HAD ASKED ABOUT PERSHING
9 SQUARE A WHILE BACK. I HAD THE PROBLEM WITH MS. DUPONE. PROP
10 47 AND THE INCIDENT WITH THE SHERIFFS? THE ANSWER FOR ME? IS
11 ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING. STOP PUTTING THEM IN JAIL AND SENDING
12 THEM TO SOME TREATMENT BEFORE, THAT'S WHERE I WORK. I KNOW
13 WHAT TO DO. SO DOES MARK FAUCETT AND AMITY HAS SOME ANSWERS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP RICHARD
16 ROBINSON. RICHARD ROBINSON? ARNOLD SACHS. ARNOLD SACHS. YES,
17 SIR.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO ASK TOWN COUNSELOR, I USED TO BE A
20 TOWN COUNSELOR IN ALTADENA AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS NOT ONE
21 MINUTE. BUT AT ANY RATE, ACCORDING TO ZACHARIAH 11 CHAPTER AND
22 FOUR VERSE "THUS SAYETH THE LORD GOD, FEED THE FLOCK OF THE
23 SLAUGHTERED WHOSE OPPRESSORS SLAY THEM AND HOLD THEMSELVES NOT
24 GUILTY AND THEY SELDOM SAY BLESS BE THE LORD FOR I AM RICH AND
25 THEIR OWN SHEPHERDS PITY THEM NOT. THIS WHOLE COUNTRY IS BASED

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1 ON ENSLAVEMENT. THIS LAND WAS STOLEN FROM THE NATIVE AMERICANS
2 AND MY PEOPLE WHO ARE HEBREW ISRAELITES WHO THEY ARE CALLING
3 AFRICAN-AMERICANS, THE SAME IN THE BOOK. GOD IS GOING TO JUDGE
4 THIS COUNTRY IF YOU DON'T GET IT TOGETHER. YOU KNOW WHAT I
5 MEAN? THIS CITY IS SUPPOSED TO BE A CITY OF ANGELS. THEY'RE
6 OVERLOOKING THE HOMELESS PEOPLE WHEN THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE
7 FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS. THAT'S PROBABLY WHY THAT HAPPENED.
8 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS JUST WENT UP IN SMOKE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT I
9 MEAN? AND IF YOU GET IT TOGETHER, YOU MIGHT DISSUADE GOD'S
10 JUDGMENT. IT'S COMING.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** [INAUDIBLE]

13

14 **SPEAKER:** WAIT ONE MORE THING. ALSO THAT WHILE WE WERE NOT
15 FIXING THIS PROBLEM THAT IS HAPPENING IN THIS COUNTRY, OTHER
16 COUNTRIES WE'RE A SITTING DUCK. WE NEED TO BE UNITED AS A
17 PEOPLE. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SERRANO?

20

21 **HERMAN HERMAN:** "I CAN'T BREATHE." AND I MENTION IT AGAIN. "I
22 CAN'T BREATHE." BUT IN A FAIR PROTEST OF "I CAN'T BREATHE, I
23 CAN'T BREATHE", AT WHAT DISCERNMENT CAN YOU NOT MAKE A GOOD
24 DECISION WITHOUT REASONABLE DOUBT THAT ANY ONE OF US IN HERE
25 IS A THREAT? ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC? OR DO WE DISTINGUISH OUR

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1 POINT OF VIEWS BASED ON "I CAN'T BREATHE, I CAN'T BREATHE, I
2 CAN'T BREATHE". AT SOME POINT WE NEED OVERSIGHT THAT ALL
3 PERSONS ARE NOT INDISCRIMINATELY JUDGED ON YOUR NOVELTY OF
4 POVERTY. BECAUSE IF THIS IS THE CASE, THEN WE WILL CONTINUE TO
5 HAVE THE SAME PROVISIONS OF PROBLEMS WHEN IT COMES TO
6 OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOHAMMED? AND ERIC PREVEN.

9

10 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** THIS IS JABRIEL MUHAMMAD OF BISMULLAH THE
11 JUSTICE MOVEMENT. I'M IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THE OVERSIGHT
12 COMMITTEE. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SUCCESS IN THE SHADOW OF
13 MAX. THIS IS A SHOUT OUT TO MAX, I BEG MY PARDON. I CALLED YOU
14 HOLTSMAN. IT'S HUNTSMAN, MY BAD. LIKE I SAID BEFORE, WE WANT
15 RESULTS. WE NEED PROSECUTION. AND WITHOUT PROSECUTION, ALL OF
16 THIS IS FOR NAUGHT BECAUSE THE PUNISHMENT, I BELIEVE, WILL BE
17 THE DETERRENT. THIS IS THE STANDARD THAT WE'VE USED FOR THE
18 PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC COMMITS A CRIME, THEY ARE PUBLISHED AND
19 THEY ARE REHABILITATED. THIS IS THE STANDARD. SO YOU DO THE
20 DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL PROTECTION, DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL
21 PROTECTION, WE WANT THAT STANDARD TO BE GENERAL. WE WANT THAT
22 STANDARD TO BE BROAD ENOUGH TO INCORPORATE EVERYBODY THE
23 CONSTABULARY INCLUDED. SO THIS IS A SHOUT OUT FOR THE SUCCESS
24 OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. MY PRAYERS ARE THAT WE ARE

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1 SUCCESSFUL WITH IT. AND THAT WE SHOW AN EXAMPLE FOR EVERYONE
2 ELSE BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE NEEDS AN EXAMPLE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** SOMEONE SO ON THE WEST COAST.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

9

10 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY
11 SPIRIT, THE HOLY TRINITY IS THE ONE AND ONLY GOD. THE HOLY
12 TRINITY IS THE CREATOR OF THE HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE. REALITY
13 IS THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST CREATED HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE,
14 AMEN. NEXT YEAR THERE WILL BE A BLOOD MOON ON APRIL 4TH AND
15 THEN THERE WILL BE A BLOOD MOON ON SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2015 ANNO
16 DOMINI. THERE WILL ALSO BE AT THE VERY LEAST A VERY WEAK EL
17 NINO IN 2015 A.D. LIKE IT IS RECORDED IN THE HOLY BIBLE IN THE
18 BOOK OF REVELATION, THE HOLY INFINITE TRINITY PROPHESED THERE
19 WILL BE A GREAT EARTHQUAKE ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SAN
20 ANDREAS FAULT THAT DEVASTATES REGIONS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
21 AS A BIG STORM WITH THUNDER AND LIGHTENING DARKENS THE SKY IN
22 THE MONTH OF MAY. SPECIFICALLY IN THE YEAR THAT THE MOON WILL
23 BE TURNED TO THE COLOR BLOOD RED. LOS ANGELES IS THE CITY OF
24 ANGELS. AND IT IS REVELATION 10:1, 8:1 AND 6:12, AMEN, PRAISE
25 THE LORD.

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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
3 BASICALLY AND I DON'T MEAN THIS IN A SEXIST WAY, THE TWO NEW
4 LADIES ON THE BOARD, WHEN I FIRST CAME, MY FIRST MEETING WAS
5 BACK IN MAY OF 2006. AND THE FIRST ITEM THAT, ONE OF THE FIRST
6 ITEMS THAT I CAME ACROSS WAS A SMALL LITTLE ITEM DEALING WITH
7 THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL. NO BIG THING. THEY WERE DOUBLING
8 THE SIZE OF THE INPUT 6,000 TONS A DAY 36,000 TONS PER WEEK
9 AND 66,000 TONS, TO 12,100 TONS A DAY, 66,000 TONS A WEEK. SO
10 I ASKED, OH BY THE WAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOUR PREDECESSOR
11 SAID THE MATH WAS WRONG. I CAME OUT AND EXPLAINED IT. ANYBODY
12 SEEN 6,600 TONS A WEEK OF TRASH. IT WAS EXPLAINED AS DIRT,
13 FILL. THE FIRST TIME AROUND THEY WEREN'T PUTTING ANY FILL
14 DOWN. THIS IS WHAT DEAL WITH ON THE BOARD HERE. THIS IS JUST A
15 LITTLE INTRODUCTION. YOUR MATH IS WRONG, YOUR FOUNDATION'S ARE
16 OFF. FOUNDATION'S ARE OFF AND I'M OUT OF TIME, SUPERVISOR.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT DISTRICT 3
19 HERE IN PUBLIC COMMENT. THERE WERE TWO 43 ITEMS THAT WERE
20 INTERESTING. 43-C HAS TO DO WITH THE 1977 SATURN L.L.C. MATTER
21 WHICH WAS THAT \$38 MILLION SWEETHEART DEAL. NOW, I ASKED
22 COUNTY COUNSEL WHO RESPONDED PARTIALLY THAT SAID G.E. CAPITAL
23 IS THE L.L.C. BUT I SAID WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE L.L.C.?
24 THE COUNTY COUNSEL EXPLAINED YOU DON'T GET TO KNOW. AND I SAID
25 IF IT'S A PUBLIC ENTITY WE DO GET TO KNOW. SO I'M ASKING. I

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1 WOULD LIKE TO GET THE ANSWER TO THAT IF POSSIBLE. I THINK IT'S
2 APPROPRIATE JUST TO KNOW WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE L.L.C.
3 ARE. TODAY WE HEARD FROM DROOYAN AND THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
4 THING IS EXCITING. BUT I MUST TELL YOU AND I APPRECIATE
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TODAY REACHING OUT FOR
6 A COMPETITIVE PROCESS ON THAT ITEM. I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
7 THIS IS CHALLENGING, SIR, IN ONE MINUTE. IT'S ALMOST
8 IMPOSSIBLE THERE ARE ITEMS I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT AND I'M
9 STUMBLING IS IT POSSIBLE I COULD EXTEND?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO WE HAVE AN EXTENSIVE EXECUTIVE
12 SESSION.

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14 **ERIC PREVEN:** ONE FINAL COMMENT IT IS IMPORTANT, 43-A. SACHI
15 HAMAI BEING UPGRADED FROM 225,000 TO 310,000.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE RESCINDED THAT. WE RESCINDED THAT.
18 I'M SORRY. I'M TALKING ABOUT ANOTHER ITEM. ANYWAY, WE KNOW
19 YOU'LL BE BACK SOON, MR. PREVEN. THANK YOU. WE DID. GOOD LUCK
20 ON YOUR CITY COUNCIL RACE. LET ME JUST -- THERE IS A HEADLINE
21 IN THE PAPER TODAY, "MAYOR GARCETTI STAYING THE COURSE FOR
22 AIRPORT SALE." I WANT TO COMMEND THE MAYOR ONCE AGAIN FOR LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY TAKING A REGIONAL APPROACH THAT HE IS TAKING AS
24 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. IT'S SUPPORTING ONTARIO AND
25 L.A. CITY COMING TOGETHER TO COME TO A SETTLEMENT. BUT HE IS

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1 OPEN TO THAT. AND I APPLAUD HIM. AND WE'RE WORKING WITH
2 PALMDALE, AS WELL TO HAVE THAT TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, THAT'S REALLY GOOD NEWS AND SOMETHING
5 THAT MANY OF US IN THE FIRST DISTRICT HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH
6 OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. SO LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE
7 MAYOR AND YOU AND THE REST OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU FOR
8 PROGRESS.

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10 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
11 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
13 NO. CS-1 AND CS-2 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
14 EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM NO. CS-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD
15 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, ITEM NO. CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
16 NEGOTIATOR SACHI HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF. ITEM NO. CS-6,
17 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR
18 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND ITEM NO. CS-7, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
19 CONSIDERATION OF THE POSITION OF TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
20 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. THANK
21 YOU.

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